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THIRTY BODIES IN GAS FILLED MOUTH OF MINING SHAFT

ONLY EIGHT BODIES ARE RECOVERED TODAY

RESCUE WORK IS RETARDED

Apalling Disaster Followed by Pitiful Scenes; Thirty Bodies Taken From Arms Factory Ruins

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 20.—But eight bodies have been recovered. Thirty others were discovered in the entries near the pit mouth. The mine is full of gas and the work of rescue will be retarded. Relief parties will endeavor to enter from three sections. Horrors the Same. The record of this disaster is similar to that of its predecessors of the past few weeks. It differs from Naomi and Monongah only in the number of men hurled into eternity without the least possible chance of crying for mercy. All of the pitiful features prominent at the mine disasters of the recent past are to be found here. There is no new story to tell. It is simply a repetition of the horrors of Naomi and Monongah. There was a muffled roar, the hills were shaken and the homes of the miners clustered along the banks of the Youghiogheny river. Van Meter and Jacobs creek tottered. Time an Inferno. Every man, woman and child in both villages realized in an instant what had happened, and with one accord they rushed to the yawning, smoking entrance to the Darr mine. They could not go further. It took but a few minutes for experienced miners to learn that not a man could live in the awful inferno that enveloped another army of toilers of the pits. An explosion wrecked the mine and blocked the entrance, while fire following immediately prevented work of rescue and sealed the doom of the entombed men that might have escaped the blast. Bodies Badly Mutilated. Many of the bodies recovered are mutilated almost beyond recognition. As at Monongah some escaped. The awful force of the gas and fire which rushed through the mines like a cyclone, only to be throttled where they stood by the dreadful after-damp. Bodies have been found without heads, others minus legs and arms. The effects are similar to that at Naomi and Monongah, and it is believed that the explosion was caused by the same elements. 3,000 Killed in Seven Years. More than 3,000 men have perished in mine disasters during the last seven years. It is only a scant ten days ago that an explosion of coal dust buried 400 men in the mines of the Consolidated Coal company in Monongah, W. Va. The worst mine disaster in the history of the world, however, was on March 10, 1906, in Pas de Calais, France, when 1,000 lives were lost. Other disasters which resulted in heavy loss of life during the last decade may be remembered as follows: Hanna, Wyo., November, 1903, 200 killed; Harwich, Pa., June, 1903, 189 killed; Canine, Mexico, June, 1906, 100 killed; and Naomi, Belle Vernon, December, this year, thirty-four killed. The reasons for fully 50 per cent of the greatest mine disasters have never been satisfactorily explained. This is largely due to the fact that the devastation usually wrought by a disaster is so great as to destroy every trace of its origin. The most common cause of disasters, however, are explosions of coal dust and the ignition of gases from the miners' lamps. Fire damp, a deadly gas released oftentimes by explosions, is responsible for the death of many who survive explosions and might escape had they not been overtaken by it. The families left by the men killed in mine accidents are usually provided for by the Red Cross society. This organization takes up a collection after every disaster, and forwards the proceeds to the ill-fated ones' relatives. Bodies Recovered. PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 20.—Thirty bodies have been recovered from the ruins, resulting from the explosion in the Ajello Arms factory yesterday. There are more than a hundred injured in four hotels. Several houses were destroyed and the fire still burning. The death list may be large.

TWENTY SEVEN DIE IN DYNAMITE BLAST

ROME, Dec. 20.—A dynamite magazine exploded here and twenty-seven persons were killed. The explosion was in the Roellos arms factory. The building was shattered and the whole city was shaken.

LA CROSSE OPPOSES 10-CLUB LEAGUE

THINK IT WOULD BE FAILURE FROM THE START

MIGHT MEAN ELIMINATION

Local Directors Go on Record Against New Scheme—Plans on for Next Year's Team

The directors of the La Crosse Baseball association held a meeting last evening and the report of the secretary was accepted and the final business for the past season was closed. Among the important subjects taken up at the meeting was the proposition of a ten-club league for next year, which the Madison and Freeport clubs are in favor of organizing. The proposition was met with great disfavor among the directors and a vote was held in which it was unanimously decided to oppose a ten-club league. The directors were of the opinion that a ten-club association would not be a success financially, or otherwise, and after the first year they would probably return to the eight-club arrangement. The directors believed the teams then to be dropped would be La Crosse and either Eau Claire or Wausau, as all three towns would then be poorly located. Therefore, it was decided to use every effort to discourage the new proposition. Annual Meeting January 3. The question of a manager for next season was not taken up at last night's meeting, but will probably be settled by the new directors to be elected at the annual meeting, which at last night's meeting was set for January 3. The election of directors will be held at that meeting, as will be arrangements for next season's team. Sign New Men. "Several trades are now being discussed," stated President Elliott, "and it is probable that many new faces will be seen on the La Crosse team next season." Already two crack pitchers and a second baseman and infielder have been signed for next season and several other deals are on and will be announced later. The new pitchers signed are M. E. Kenyon and C. E. Kenyon, whose homes are in Merced, Cal. Both men are big and husky and look like good material. The former played last year with Iowa university, and the latter with Trinity college at Decatur, Ia. They are brothers and look like comers in baseball. Harry Peacock of Winchester, Ind., has been signed for second base or catcher and comes well recommended, having had considerable experience in minor teams. President Elliott has also received a letter from Schnelberg at Milwaukee, who has a center fielder for "Daddy" Cahill's place and states that he looks like a "comer." He does not state his name, but this will be given later, if the deal is closed. Several other recruits have been heard from, but have not been signed up to the present.

HUNG SMILING AS FRIENDS PLEAD

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 20.—With a smile on his face Edward Clifford, murderer of his father, went to death on the scaffold a few minutes after 9 o'clock this morning. The governor refused to grant a stay of execution till after the holidays. The murderer was 22 years old and killed his father because he refused him spending money. The hanging occurred despite the pleas of Bishop Spaulding, Grand Master Hanahan, of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen; Mayor O'Connor and others.

WESTERN MINERS IN APPEAL TO TEDDY

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 20.—Judge Hilton, chief counsel for the Western federation of miners makes the charge that the federal commission is hearing one side only, in the dispute between the miners and operators. Today he sent the following telegram to Roosevelt. "Every effort was made by us for a conference and settlement was refused by the mine owners. The commission is hearing only the enemies of organized labor, as witnesses. It is not a square deal. There is no order here and will be none. We are willing to concede anything fair for an honorable adjustment, and return to work. Can you and will you help us?"

MINE WORKERS TO MEET JAN 21ST

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—The nineteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers has been called to meet in Indianapolis Jan. 21.

"IS UNCLE SAM RUNNING A MERRY-GO-ROUND?"



News Item—The probabilities are that the Atlantic fleet will eventually circumnavigate the globe.

DEPOSITS ARE SEVEN MILLIONS HIGHER

BADGER INSTITUTIONS ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE.

PAID \$6,000,000 DEPOSITS

But in Spite of This Fact the Cash Has Increased \$2,500,000 in 3 Months, Says Report.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Wisconsin banks are in excellent condition according to the quarterly report of State Bank Commissioner M. C. Bergh, made public at noon today. In spite of the fact that banks of the state have paid off over \$6,000,000 in deposits during the past three months the actual cash has increased \$2,500,000. During the past month alone the increase in actual cash was \$500,000. The average cash reserve has increased a fraction of one per cent during the last three months. Although the law only requires a 15 per cent reserve, the average reserve in Wisconsin is nearly 24 per cent. There are more than \$7,000,000 more deposits than a year ago at this time.

ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION GETS THE ESTATE

After contesting the will of the father of Elizabeth Schafer, made seven years ago, an assignment of the estate valued at \$2,500 in property located at the corner of Tenth and La Crosse streets has at last been made to the St. Josephs congregation. The will has been contested for a long time and the contests were at times considerably interesting. The assignment was announced in probate court today.

EXCHANGE FIRM HEAD SHOT TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—James H. Oliphant, of the stock exchange firm of the same name, was shot this afternoon in his office by a customer. The man who did the shooting immediately turned the revolver onto himself and died in a few minutes. Oliphant has been hurried to the Hudson street hospital and is in a critical condition.

CORNELIUS RING KILLED BY A FALL

SCAFFOLDING GIVES WAY ON NORTH SIDE WORK

DEATH IS ALMOST INSTANT

Bystanders Carry Unconscious Man to Nearby Home, but He Expires Before Doctor Arrives

While at work on a scaffold at the corner of Gillette and Prospect streets Cornelius Ring, aged 84 years, fell to the ground and was almost instantly killed. Ole Severson, his nephew, who also resides at the Ring (Rinkjob) home, 1533 Kane street, also fell and was badly hurt. The old gentleman has been going to the house for the past two weeks at intervals and this morning his niece and others told him he had not better go, as it was unnecessary for him to do so, but he refused to remain indoors. He left the residence at 1533 Kane street at about 8:45, and two hours later the staging, which would not hold the weight of two men, fell to the ground, carrying the men with it. The old man just gave two or three gasps after he struck the ground. A physician was at once summoned and pronounced him dead. Both Believed Dead. Ole Severson, who was building the house, lay prostrate on the ground beside the dead man when neighbors and spectators who happened on the scene ran to him. They at first believed them both dead, but it was found that Mr. Severson had only been rendered unconscious. He was resting easily at his home today. Deceased was born at Sorsan, County of Vesteraal, Norway. He came to this country in 1838 and has always lived a retired life. He never married. He arrived in La Crosse in June of 1838. The only relative of the deceased in this country is a sister, Mrs. Sophia Severson, who resides at 1307 Avon street. The funeral arrangements will be announced later by Sletten Bros., who will be in charge and interment will be made in Oak Grove cemetery.

The Young Men's Singing club of St. James church will hold a special meeting this evening.

PREFERS ASYLUM TOPAYING LAWYER

RICH SPINSTER DECLINES TO PAY FOR SERVICES

THEY SHOULD WORK FREE

And Rather Than Pay to Be Kept From the Insane Asylum, She Agrees to Go With Sheriff

When Gertrude Agnes Ida Schmitz, 726 Pine street, yesterday adjudged insane and committed to the state hospital for insane at Mendota, Wis., found that attorneys would charge for representing her in court and opposing the proceedings, she immediately gave up all intentions of making a fight. Today Miss Schmitz, sole heir to a \$50,000 estate, was taken to Mendota by Undersheriff John Mohr, and a matron. Upon leaving the county building for the county jail yesterday, Miss Schmitz declared that she would seek a lawyer and fight the case. She also asked if she might have a physician of her own choice on hand to attend the proceedings. Judge Brindley granted the request. Then Miss Schmitz found that attorneys would not take her case for nothing, so she said that she would submit to the state authorities and be confined at Mendota. Today she was rational and departed for the state hospital in a jovial frame of mind. Previous to the hearing yesterday, Miss Schmitz had requested a doctor and attorney to be in attendance. Judge Brindley attempted to arrange this, but the patient said she had no regular physician and that attorneys always charged for their services. She believed lawyers ought to give their time and services gratis. It is expected that a guardian will be appointed to take charge of the Schmitz estate, which consists of property holdings of value in La Crosse and Madison, Wis. Miss Schmitz is the sole heir to the estate, which will be deeded to the Catholic church on her death. This is in compliance with the will of her father, Jacob Schmitz. Fritz Nordholtz has sold to Chris Jordan a large farm in the town of Hamilton for \$14,000. The sale is one of the largest of farm property recorded in several weeks.

SOUGHT TO WED ON DOG LICENSE

GEORGE MAINE PRODUCES HIS AUTHORITY TO KEEP DOG

MINISTER OPENS HIS EYES

Bridgegroom, However, Had Got Hoff of Wrong Paper, So Is Wedded to Miss Margaret Wilson

Here's a good story from a Seattle, Wash., paper on George Maine, son of Dr. Maine of this city and a former resident, who was married there a few days ago to Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wilson, 207 South Eighth street. "George E. Maine, collecting teller of the Scandinavian-American bank, was married yesterday. Incidentally, he was the victim of his friends. His bride, formerly Miss Margaret Wilson, had traveled from La Crosse to meet him, and with the impatience characteristic of ardent love they met at the King Street station at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and hurried to the residence of Rev. M. A. Matthews, where they were to be made one. "Tut, tut!" Says Matthews. "Tut, tut! young man," said the distinguished divine, after scanning what the young Lochinvar said was his marriage license. "I thought you were here to get married. I am not a dealer in dogs, and my time is too precious to spend in discussing their relative merits. "The young man hastily scanned the document and as he took in the significance of the fatal words, The said George E. Maine is hereby authorized to keep, maintain and care for one dog, his face became a marvel of mingled horror and surprise. His anxious fiancée looked bewildered and said reproachfully, "And to think I have traveled 2,000 miles to be married to a man who would use such a document for this purpose. "So you are a banker," said Matthews, tauntingly, "and would expect an intelligent clergyman to marry you on such a document. You had better get this matter fixed up and come again Monday. The clerk's office closes at 1 o'clock today." But the young man pleaded earnestly for him to go on with the ceremony, swearing by all the saints in the calendar that he had the license and must have it laid off. Bridgegroom Makes Promise. "I will protect you, doctor," he promised, "if anything should come of this. When the young woman added her plea to her fiancée's the good-hearted clergyman performed the ceremony. At every few lines of the affecting ceremony Dr. Matthews would stop to say, "And you call yourself a banker and have nothing better to get married on than a dog license! When the last words were spoken the door to an adjoining room was thrown open and eight young men, some of them in imminent danger of poppley, rushed into the room, the foremost holding the genuine license, while the rest carried huge bunches of bridal roses. They were the young man's fellow employees at the bank. "He tried to hand us a lemon," said his friend Alva Fraser. "He said he was not going to get married until Saturday and thought he would do this thing on the sly. So I just abstracted the real license, which was purchased in anticipation of the event two weeks ago, and hid it, putting the dog document in the empty envelope. Of course we had Dr. Matthews in the joke and he proved to be a most willing and able assistant. The tableau was all that we desired. All Ends Well. "I don't care," said Maine, "whether I am married on a dog license, a horse license or a license to preach, just so I am properly and legally tied up. I suppose a man must forgive these little jokes on his wedding day."

TROOPS OF NAPLES BEGIN EVICTION

NAPLES, Dec. 20.—Troops have begun the eviction of 4,800 families from the working class dwellings belonging to Societa del Risanamento. These are but a small part of those against whom the military have orders to act as rapidly as possible. It is feared the evictions will result in violence. The Naples garrison is reinforced by ten thousand troops.

TOM JOHNSON IS NOW A GRANDFATHER

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—Tom Johnson is now a grandfather. He was announced today his daughter Bessie, now Mrs. Frederic C. Mariani of Milan, Italy, is the mother of a baby girl.

JOHN MITCHELL IS STRICKEN DURING MINERS' MEETING

PRIEST AND PHYSICIAN ARE HURRIEDLY SUMMONED

ATTACK MAY PROVE FATAL

Head of Miners Calls for Priest That He May Be Buried with Family—Stroke May Not Be Fatal

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—John Mitchell was stricken during the miners' convention. A priest and doctor were called and it is thought he will probably die. An effort was made at first to

JOHN MITCHELL.



Who was stricken in Miners' convention today.

keep Mitchell's condition a secret. He was rushed to the Claypool hotel. Mitchell is not a Catholic, but his family is. He had told friends if he was taken suddenly ill to send for a priest so he could be buried with the family. At 1 o'clock Dr. Hodges issued a statement saying "Mitchell's condition is serious, but not necessarily critical. I will not discuss the nature of the attack."

POSTOFFICE TO BE OPEN IN EVENING

Postmaster W. B. Tschanner announces to the public that the postoffice will be open on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evening until 9 o'clock. This is done for the accommodation of the large number of persons who may wish to register their packages, and the stamp window will also be open.

LOSES FINGERS IN CARPENTER SHOP

Claude Thompson of the Thompson and Thompson contracting firm on Main street had two fingers of the left hand taken off today in one of the machines at their carpenter shop. The fingers were both taken off near the first joint by Dr. J. L. Callahan. The young man was resting easily this afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST

Coldest, 22; warmest, 36; wind, 4 miles; snowfall, 0. The coldest place in the country yesterday was 22 below zero at Lander; warmest was 62 above at Phoenix. Forecast today: Wisconsin and Minnesota—Fair tonight and Saturday. Iowa—Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly colder east and central portions tonight. Weather Conditions. The eastern high is passing off the middle Atlantic coast while the high over the Rocky mountains has remained but diminished in strength. Areas of low pressure are located north of Montana and in the southern Rocky mountain districts. Those pressure conditions favor fair weather in this section tonight and Saturday without much change in temperature. Light rains have occurred in the lower Mississippi valley and rain or snow west of the Rocky mountains. It is generally warmer west of the Mississippi river, except in North Dakota, northern Montana, and the adjacent Canadian territory, where it is colder.

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SPORTING NEWS

PLANS FORMED TO STOP THE INVADERS

MAJOR LEAGUERS ARE ACTIVE
IN OPPOSITION.

MAY RAISE A \$300,000 FUND

However, If Association Magnates
are Not Unanimous Expansion
Idea May be Dropped.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Definite announcement that the American association may, at its winter meeting next week, ask permission of the major leagues to establish a club in Chicago, has stirred up the big league officials to renewed activity. Plans are hastily being formed to repel the threatened invasion. Charley Murphy of the Chicago Cubs hurried to Cincinnati yesterday to have a conference with Garry Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, relative to the prospective trouble. Murphy evidently is counting on leading the attack against the invaders. Charley Comiskey, who is affected equally as much as Murphy, remains passive, but association officials declare that when the time comes Comiskey will not enter any serious protest to the proposed invasion.

"If the association club owners are not unanimous in the plan to invade Chicago, the project will be dropped," said a man who is close to the inside of association affairs yesterday. "Invasion will not hurt Majors. There does not seem to be any good reason why the majors should oppose an association club in Chicago. The territory sought will not affect either the Cubs or the White Sox in any way, for the reason that the north side, which the association plans to enter, is remote from the south and west sides, where the Cubs and Sox hold forth."

"In their statements opposing the plans of the association none of the major magnates has named one good reason why a third league club should not be placed in Chicago. There is no just argument against invasion. The majors undoubtedly are influenced by the fear that if the association gains a foothold in Chicago it will only be a question of time before it seeks other big league cities. But if that is the view they take, why can not the majors say: 'We will grant you permission to come into Chicago on condition that you do not seek entrance into any of our other cities.' The association might regard such a condition favorably, and no trouble need result."

VARSITY FIVE IS AFTER BIG GAME

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—The Shorthorns, a basketball team of freshmen in the University of Wisconsin, will visit Milwaukee during the holidays, and is seeking games with city fives, including La Crosse.

The line-up includes several good men, among them Walter Steinmetz, captain of South division's 1907 basketball team; Walter Kroening, forward in South division's 1908 team; Clayton Jarchow, center on Appleton's crack team of last season; J. L. Kauffman, star guard of the Elkhart, Ind., team, and Eddie Moll, the freshman quarterback.

Games can be played any afternoon or night except Friday and Saturday. Concordia Seconds, M. A. C., Milwaukee academy, Barnickels, Spencerian Business College, Hoffman's Business College, Badger State Business College, Crescents and other teams of this class. Address Bert F. Zinn, 2728 Highland boulevard, Milwaukee, or phone West 2725 for games with the Shorthorns.

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PAPKE WILL BE IN SHAPE FOR KELLY

KEWANEE, Ill., Dec. 20.—Billy Papke is training hard here for his bout with Hugo Kelly Dec. 30 and the entire populace is interested in his work. Hundreds of interested fight fans in this vicinity are disappointed daily in not getting to see the workout. He has as sparring partners Paddy Lavin of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the fastest welterweights in this country, and half a dozen local ringsters. His afternoon workout is of about three hours' duration.

Papke is rapidly getting down to weight and is in the best of condition. He will not make any prophecy as to the outcome, except that he will enter the ring in the best of condition and looks for the hardest fight he has had since entering the ring.

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SAYERS AND WELSH AGREE TO A FIGHT

ENGLISH LIGHTWEIGHT WILL
MEET MILWAUKEEAN

BOUT TO BE HELD JAN. 17

Welsh Is Regarded as One of Best
of the Foreign Lightweights—
Sayers Is No Slouch

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Maurice Sayers and Freddie Welsh the well known English lightweights, were practically matched to meet in the windup of the Milwaukee Boxing club's show at the Terminal building Jan. 17. E. F. Carson, who is taking care of Welsh's interests here, signed articles for the Englishman, and sent a copy to Philadelphia for Welsh's approval.

The articles call for a ten round battle at 133 pounds at 3 o'clock for 50 per cent of the gate receipts. Although Sayers has not yet attached his signature to the agreement he has announced his willingness to fight under those conditions, and Al Bright the matchmaker of the club, considers the match as good as made.

Welsh is one of the best lightweights England has ever turned out. Since his arrival in this country he has met many of the best lightweights in the east, and has always been able to hold his own. His last battle was with Dave Deshler whom he gave a good lacing although he failed to knock him out. After his battle with Willie Fitzgerald a few weeks ago, some of the Philadelphia newspapers gave him credit for a victory while others insisted that the Irishman had the shade. Under the circumstances it is safe to conclude that the bout was an even thing. Previous to that he put it all over Johnny Thompson in spite of the fact that the latter was as heavy as a welterweight.

Welsh is looked upon as one of the best lightweights now fighting in the east. He is cleverer than the usual run of fighters but he does not depend on his speed alone for victory for he has a punch in either hand and can mix with the best of them. If he lives up to his reputation, he will make a hit in Milwaukee.

Sayers has been doing light work at Larkin's ever since his battle with Neary, and is in good shape. He weighs in the neighborhood of 133 pounds and expects to find no trouble in making the required weight.

MURPHY EXPECTS WAR WILL FOLLOW

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—President Charles Murphy of the Chicago Nationals declares that if the American association invades Chicago, it will precipitate a baseball war.

STAR AND ALUMNI MEET.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The last basketball game of 1907 at the university will be the contest tonight of the regulars against the alumni stars. Wisconsin plays Purdue in the Illinois city on Jan. 17 and Illinois at Champaign on Jan. 18.

SPORTING BRIEFS

The New York Globe states that 2,500,000 persons helped promote athletic sports in some manner this year.

Pop Schriver, a member of the Cardinals back in 1901, has asked President Pulliam for a chance to handle the indicator.

Dr. John C. O'Connor has accepted the proposition of Dartmouth's head coach and has taken up his permanent home at Portsmouth.

Joe Cantillon has closed arrangements for the Nationals to train at Galveston. Exhibition games with Indianapolis and Toledo will be played enroute home.

Coach Yost says he will employ basketball tactics next fall and will play an entirely open game. He will use all of his efforts to develop speed in his men. Look out for Michigan next year!

All Columbia turned out for the football game between the sophs and the freshmen. President Butler, though, didn't attend, and when the alumni tried to tell him how the students liked the game he bade them skidoo.

There were some suspicious doings at New Orleans last week. The decided reversals in form showed by Artful L. dger, Dr. McCleuer and Avanteur caused many to make comments, but the stewards have been silent.

Australian swimmers now state that Charley Daniels only defeated Healy, their pet, because he turns better. A recent issue of the Sydney Herald gives the enlightening information that Daniels was born in England. He's a native of Ohio.

John Rooney is after War Eagle's scalp and has offered to bet \$500 that he could down the dusky wrestler in a catch-as-catch-can bout. If Rooney should win over the Indian he is ready to make it \$500 more that he can dispose of Olsen.

Things have come to a sorry state in English athletics when a French team can beat Cambridge university in a track field meet. The Racing Club de France took five events to four by Cambridge when they met recently. The Frenchmen won the weight put, the mile run, the long jump and the three-mile run.

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It is authoritatively stated in London that Ambassador James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, has been requested to come to London to consult with government authorities principally in reference to the relations between the United States and Japan. There is little likelihood of his return to the Washington post, and it is generally understood Sir Henry Howard, present minister to the Netherlands, stationed at the Hague, will succeed him. It would be impossible to find a more capable representative to the United States than Sir Henry Howard. He has devoted his life to diplomatic service in many countries,



SIR HENRY HOWARD

Including the United States, Netherlands, Guatemala, Greece, Denmark, China, Russia and France. His career is marked by advancement after advancement from one post to another because of his ability. Sir Henry Howard will be 65 years old next August. In 1867 he married Miss Cecelia Riggs, daughter of a banker in Washington, D. C. His diplomatic service has been varied. In 1894 he was made minister plenipotentiary, in 1896 envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. In 1897 he received the jubilee medal and in 1892 the coronation medal. While the United States regrets the withdrawal of the able and popular James Bryce it is exceedingly fortunate in having sent to this important position a man so capable and friendly as Sir Henry Howard.

When a woman wants to make a man feel like a dollar minus 70 cents she asks him to describe the costume some other woman had on.

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MARRIED SIXTY YEARS.

KAUPAUNA, Wis., Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eimmerman, Jr., and their four children will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eimmermann of Elkhart, who on that day sixty years ago were married at Neirstein, Germany. They came to America the same year, settling in the town of Russell, Sheboygan county, on a farm, when that region was a dense wilderness.

A woman can never understand how wearing some of the baby's hair in his lockets doesn't keep her husband from catching cold.

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TOM MORRIS FOR MAYOR—WOT!

City Treasurer Graebner, who announces his candidacy for the democratic nomination for mayor, says in his proposed platform that he is in favor of 5-cent street car fares. Possibly all the candidates for mayor on all the tickets will announce that they are. That is what they may do, and that is all it will amount to. —Milwaukee Free Press.

IS IT ALL "ACCIDENT"?

So shocking have been the disasters that have occurred in American mines of late that there arises a serious question as to whether such holocausts are inevitable, or are partly or largely due to lack of preventative effort on the part of the mine owners. Does cupidity lead to the evasions of expensive precautions? Would expenditures of money in certain lines serve to decrease the danger and cut down the mining fatalities?

In relation to this question there is found significance in the fact that the pro-rata death rate from mine accidents is much less in European countries than it is in America. This is true, also, of the railroad fatalities, and in the latter case it has been ascertained that various motives of railroad owners by which much money is saved to the corporations is the prime cause of the disproportionately large number of deaths. There is not lacking a definite opinion in national government circles that the same deplorable condition of disrespect for human life exists in our mines as has been tolerated in our railroads. Congress proposes to compel the railroads to go to whatever expense is necessary to afford adequate safeguards for their employees, a work in which Congressman John J. Esch of this city is the pioneer. It will not be surprising if similar protection is sought for mine operatives through the intermediation of congress.

"BOB" BOBS UP DOWN EAST.

The New York League of Republican clubs has just announced the result of a post card vote in which 5,000 leading men of the Empire State had been asked to name the men who each estimated were respectively first, second and third choice for president within that state. First choices were recorded, according to this report, as follows:

Roosevelt . . . 1,117 Cannon . . . 39

Hughes . . . 237 Root . . . 59

Cortelyou . . . 221 La Follette . . . 186

Taft . . . 341

This vote was taken before President Roosevelt and Treasurer Cortelyou had announced their withdrawal from the race, a fact that

leaves problematical the distribution of the vote they received.

This wonderful showing of a rank outsider in the "conservative" state of New York is no doubt surprising to easterners. That La Follette was second choice after Roosevelt in the vote of Columbia university some time ago, and that he was third after Roosevelt and Taft in a vote secured by the Chicago Tribune from eleven western states, although his name was not on the post card ballot and had to be interlined, are other facts that seem significant when it is recalled that the Wisconsin man has no national machine and gets his backing purely from undriven sentiment.

Discussing the New York vote the Milwaukee Free Press says:

"President Roosevelt, Secretary Cortelyou, Guy Hughes and Secretary Root are the president's candidates; all beneficiaries, in greater or less degree, of the 'favorite son' feeling in New York. What will become of the Roosevelt and Cortelyou sentiment now that the two are out of it? It is likely to make a difference with the showing as between Taft and Hughes—and La Follette.

For the surprise of this canvass is not the large number of men of influence who reported that the sentiment of their localities was for Roosevelt; or that the second choice was Hughes, or the third Taft, but that La Follette is reported to be first choice in 186 communities in the big eastern state. It must be that some La Follette sentiment is also included in the Roosevelt strength.

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"It is the sentiment that favors the 'square deal.' It is not in favor of any let-up in the effort of the government to make 'successful dishonesty' odious by prosecuting and convicting guilty men, no matter how much money they happen to have. It is a sentiment for the control of all agencies engaged in the business of transporting the commerce of the country, believing with the president that only through such control can justice be done to the public and to the railroads."

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AMERICAN ARISTOCRATS.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

As to titles of nobility, there are perhaps a dozen families in this country who are able to show a descent, under genealogical forms, from coroneted houses. It is a strange fact, or at least it must strike snobs and flunkies as strange, that these families have never asserted their claims, never had their pedigrees printed, never have spread the branches of their family trees in the newspapers, and never will. This is due to combination of high qualities, each one of which marks them as noble, with or without the titles they might claim. First, it shows the fine pride of disdaining to mourn, in public, what the world would call a departed glory. Next, it is the expression of the contempt of proud and independent spirits of the gaudy baubles which only cravens and footmen worship. And lastly, since all of these families run back to the revolutionary days, and all of them in that day were Whigs, it is the survival of a fine and splendid American patriotism, higher, perhaps, because its earliest ancestors here were punished in court circulars, peerages and other inane publications in which the royalty and nobility of that day, as of this, made themselves ridiculous.

"Yes, I'm home again," said Travers. "I suppose you heard I married a western girl while I was away. I understand you married, too."

"No; thank heaven, only one!" replied Peckham.—Philadelphia Press.

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DEPOSE HARRIMAN.

(New York World.)

Mr. Harriman is director in forty-six companies, including many most prominent railroads, steamship lines, telegraph and express companies, banks and trust companies. This fact in itself is enough to explain why the market values of their securities are low. No wise man, having the history of the Chicago & Alton before his eyes, would invest a penny in the stock of any corporation which Mr. Harriman is in position to loot.

The Delaware & Hudson company may be cited as a further example. This was an old, conservative and rich corporation until E. H. Harriman tried his way into it. No sooner did he obtain control than he began loading it up with manufactured securities at inflated values.

Of course Delaware & Hudson's guarantee to obtain illegal loans from the Mutual Life Insurance company, of which one of his dummy Union Pacific and Illinois Central directors, Charles A. Peabody, is president. The Mutual Life Insurance company has so far turned over more than \$20,000,000 of its policyholders' money for the use of Harriman's corporations.

The Illinois Central election is soon to be held. If E. H. Harriman is defeated it should mark a long step toward the restoration of public confidence in the securities of the great railroad corporations.

LONELINESS.

(Woman.)

A woman should cultivate the capacity to be alone, and the habit of grumbling must be checked. Loneliness is bound to come to us all as age advances, but there must be no loneliness of soul or heart, because our hours of solitude may be more peopled than hours spent in company.

Men's fashions will remain the same—at least, there will be no change in trousers after Christmas. —Town Topics.


SPOTLIGHTS

Miss Grace Hayward who comes to the La Crosse theater on Sunday, Dec. 22, for a week's stay, has earned for herself the title of America's greatest stock actress through her many successful seasons in this line of work. Miss Hayward was a regular visitor to this city in the past and while her company has been seen in this section during the past few years she was absent from the east owing to her engagements as leading lady with some of the largest stock companies in America, viz., three most successful seasons at the Lyceum theatre, Minneapolis; one season at the Boyd theatre, Omaha; one season at the Avenue theatre, Pittsburgh; Waterbury, Conn., and Kansas City, Mo., returning two seasons ago for the first time to stock work on the road.

Miss Hayward will open here on Sunday afternoon in the beautiful play "Confessions of a Wife," in which she has achieved great success during the present season. During the week her company will present the best and strongest line of new plays ever offered in repertoire. On Monday evening the ladies will be admitted free under the usual conditions. Seats may be secured at the Theater Candy store.

FASHION HINTS

(By May Manton.)



5519 "Teddy" Bear, 12-16-20 inches high.

"Teddy" Bear 5519.

Seldom has any toy struck so generally responsive a chord as have the bears that are made of soft and woolly plush and are so thoroughly fascinating. With Christmas approaching there is certain to be an almost unlimited demand and many mothers will be glad of the opportunity to manufacture them themselves. The very lovely Bruin illustrated is made of white long haired plush but he has many brown brothers and brown is, perhaps, a bit more durable than white while no less realistic, while again the heavier, more fuzzy cotton flannel can be made to do service if a less expensive toy is desired. The labor of making is by no means excessive and the result so satisfactory that it is amply worth while.

Sir Bruin is made with a body portion to which the legs, the arms and the head are attached and is stuffed with cotton batting, so that he is thoroughly soft and absolutely harmless. To get the effect of the nose is required only a few stitches with embroidery silk while eyes are simulated with big black buttons and paws are given the finish of claws by the means of long stitches of brown thread. The head, arms and legs are made movable by means of covered discs of cardboard attached to the openings.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (16 inches high) is ¾ yard 27 or ½ yard 50 inches wide.

The pattern 5519 is cut in sizes for bears 12, 16 and 20 inches high.

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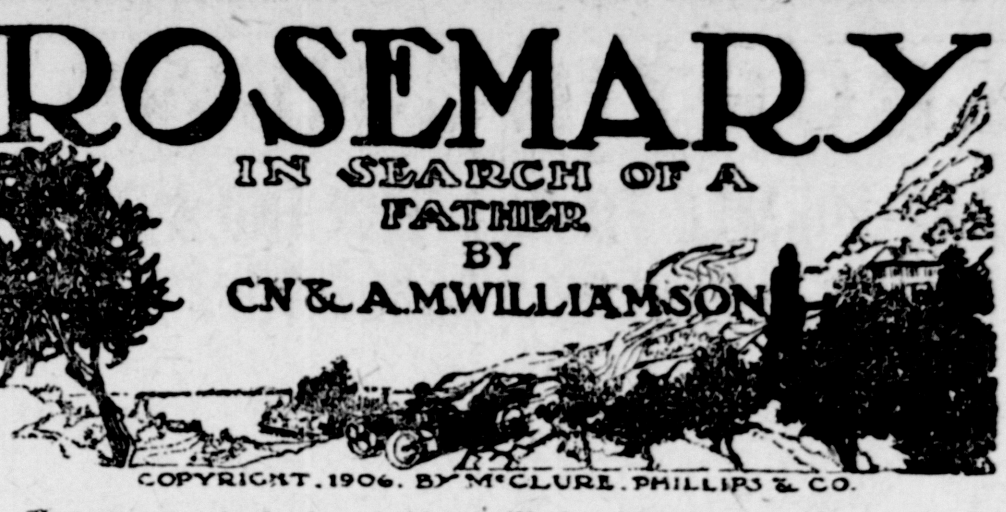
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ROSEMARY

IN SEARCH OF A FATHER

BY C.W. & A.M. WILLIAMSON



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"Oh!" breathed the child, thrilled with a vague horror. She lounged intensely to know what had happened to her friend's parent after joining his lot with that of the dogs, but was too delicate minded to continue her questioning after such a tragic beginning. She wondered if there were a kind of dreadful dog which made a specialty of eating fathers. "And did he never come back again?" she ventured to inquire at last.

"Not 'e. You never do, you know, if once you goes to the dogs. There ain't no wye back. I was wonderin' since we've been acquainted, kiddy, if your pa didn't go the sime road. It 'appens in all clarses."

"Oh, no; my father was lost at sea, not on the road, and there aren't any dogs there—at least I don't think so," said Rosemary.

"If it's only the sea 'as swallowed 'im, 'e may be cast up again any day alive an' bloomin'," replied Jane cheerfully. "My ma 'ad a grite friend; sold winkles. 'Er 'usbin was lost at sea for years and years till, just w'en she was comfortably settled with 'er second, along 'e comes, as large as loife. Besides, I've read of such things in the Princess Novelettes, only there it's most generally lovers, not 'usbins nor yet fathers. Would you know yours again if you seen 'im?"

Rosemary shook her head doubtfully, and her falling hair of pale, shimmering gold waved like a wheatfield shaken by a breeze. "Angel lost him when I was only two," the child explained. "She's never talked much to me about him, but we used to live in a big house in London—because my father was English, you know, though Angel's American—and I had a nurse who held me in her lap and told me things. I heard her say to one of the servants once that my father had been lost on a yacht and that he was, oh, ever such a handsome man. But—but she said"—Rosemary faltered, her gray blue eyes suddenly large and troubled.

"What was it she said?" prompted Jane, with so much sympathetic interest that the little girl could not refuse to answer. Nevertheless she felt that it would not be right to finish her sentence.

"If you please, I'd rather not tell you what nurse said," she pleaded. "But, anyway, I'd give everything I've got if my father would get found again. You see, it isn't only not having proper Christmas any more that makes me feel sad; it's because Angel has to work so hard for me, and if I had a father I s'pose he'd do that."

"If 'e didn't he'd deserve to get what for," said Jane decidedly. "If you was a child in a story book, your pa'd come back and be lookin' for you everywhere on Christmas eve—this Christmas eve as ever was."

"Oh, would he?" cried Rosemary, a bright color flaming on her little soft cheeks.

"Yes, and, what's more," went on her hostess, warming to the subject, "you'd know 'im the hinstant you clapped heyes on his face by 'eaven sent hinstinct."

"What's 'eaven sent hinstinct?" demanded Rosemary.

"The feelin' you 'ave in your 'eart for a father wot's planted there by Providence," explained Jane. "Now, do you understand? Because if you do I don't know but you'd better be trottin'. Biby's gorn to sleep and seems to be sleepin' light."

"Yes, I think I understand," Rosemary whispered, jumping up from her footstool. "Goodby. And thank you very much for letting me come to see you and the baby."

She tiptoed across the room, her long hair waving and shimmering again, softly opened and shut the door behind her and slowly mounted the stairs to her own quarters on the fourth floor.

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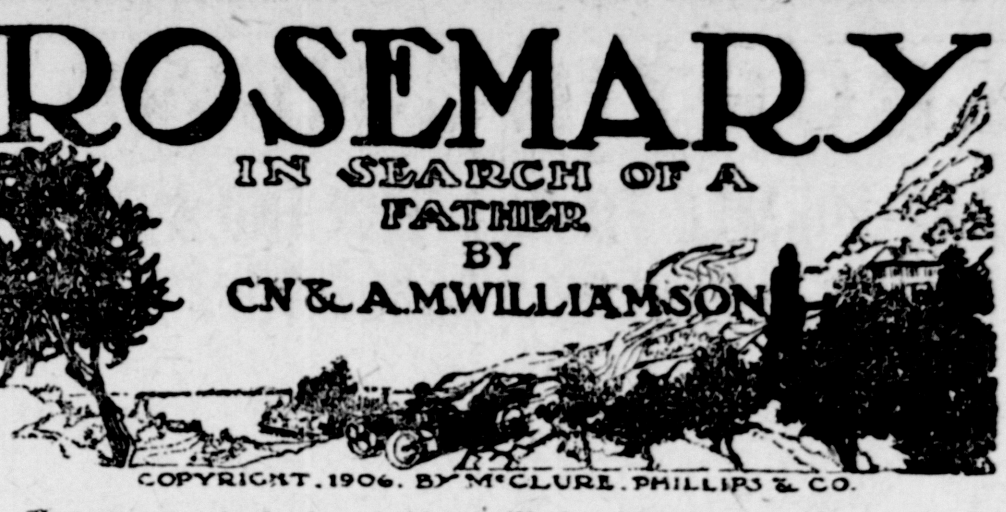
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ROSEMARY

IN SEARCH OF A FATHER

BY C.W. & A.M. WILLIAMSON



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"Oh!" breathed the child, thrilled with a vague horror. She lounged intensely to know what had happened to her friend's parent after joining his lot with that of the dogs, but was too delicate minded to continue her questioning after such a tragic beginning. She wondered if there were a kind of dreadful dog which made a specialty of eating fathers. "And did he never come back again?" she ventured to inquire at last.

"Not 'e. You never do, you know, if once you goes to the dogs. There ain't no wye back. I was wonderin' since we've been acquainted, kiddy, if your pa didn't go the sime road. It 'appens in all clarses."

"Oh, no; my father was lost at sea, not on the road, and there aren't any dogs there—at least I don't think so," said Rosemary.

"If it's only the sea 'as swallowed 'im, 'e may be cast up again any day alive an' bloomin'," replied Jane cheerfully. "My ma 'ad a grite friend; sold winkles. 'Er 'usbin was lost at sea for years and years till, just w'en she was comfortably settled with 'er second, along 'e comes, as large as loife. Besides, I've read of such things in the Princess Novelettes, only there it's most generally lovers, not 'usbins nor yet fathers. Would you know yours again if you seen 'im?"

Rosemary shook her head doubtfully, and her falling hair of pale, shimmering gold waved like a wheatfield shaken by a breeze. "Angel lost him when I was only two," the child explained. "She's never talked much to me about him, but we used to live in a big house in London—because my father was English, you know, though Angel's American—and I had a nurse who held me in her lap and told me things. I heard her say to one of the servants once that my father had been lost on a yacht and that he was, oh, ever such a handsome man. But—but she said"—Rosemary faltered, her gray blue eyes suddenly large and troubled.

"What was it she said?" prompted Jane, with so much sympathetic interest that the little girl could not refuse to answer. Nevertheless she felt that it would not be right to finish her sentence.

"If you please, I'd rather not tell you what nurse said," she pleaded. "But, anyway, I'd give everything I've got if my father would get found again. You see, it isn't only not having proper Christmas any more that makes me feel sad; it's because Angel has to work so hard for me, and if I had a father I s'pose he'd do that."

"If 'e didn't he'd deserve to get what for," said Jane decidedly. "If you was a child in a story book, your pa'd come back and be lookin' for you everywhere on Christmas eve—this Christmas eve as ever was."

"Oh, would he?" cried Rosemary, a bright color flaming on her little soft cheeks.

"Yes, and, what's more," went on her hostess, warming to the subject, "you'd know 'im the hinstant you clapped heyes on his face by 'eaven sent hinstinct."

"What's 'eaven sent hinstinct?" demanded Rosemary.

"The feelin' you 'ave in your 'eart for a father wot's planted there by Providence," explained Jane. "Now, do you understand? Because if you do I don't know but you'd better be trottin'. Biby's gorn to sleep and seems to be sleepin' light."

"Yes, I think I understand," Rosemary whispered, jumping up from her footstool. "Goodby. And thank you very much for letting me come to see you and the baby."

She tiptoed across the room, her long hair waving and shimmering again, softly opened and shut the door behind her and slowly mounted the stairs to her own quarters on the fourth floor.

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Holiday Provision Sale

Only The Pure Goods

This is indeed an opportune time to provide yourselves with all the good things to eat for Christmas time. Prices that will cause sensational selling and again demonstrate the fact that there is more economy in buying your food stuffs here than anywhere else.

NOTE THESE SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR SATURDAY.

SUGAR

Best gran'lat'd
Cane. Priced
for Saturday at
10 Lbs. **50c**
for.....

THE DOERFLINGER PARK STORE

DATES

Fancy Dates
priced at
the Lb. **7½c**
only.....

THESE FEW SATURDAY OFFERINGS ILLUSTRATE THE BIG SAVINGS

Cranberries—Fancy Cape Cod, priced at the quart only **10c**

Grapes—Fancy Malaga Grapes, priced at the pound only **15c**

Oranges—Fancy Navel Oranges, priced at the dozen **16c**

Sweet Potatoes—Specially priced at the pound **5c**

Grape Fruit—Extra fancy, priced at each only **10c**

SPECIAL COMBINATION OFFER FOR CHRISTMAS

MARKET BASKET, including the following:
1 nice tender turkey 8 to 10 lbs.
1 stalk of California celery.
1 quart of fancy cranberries.
½ pound of fancy dates.
1 pound fancy mixed nuts.
½ dozen fancy navel oranges.
1 package of Uneda Biscuit.
1 package of seeded raisins.
1 can Batavia plum pudding.
1 glass jar of current jelly.
1 package of sage.
All the above mentioned articles put up in a fancy market basket and priced **\$2.99** at.....

Mixed Nuts—Extra fancy, priced at the pound **15c**

Walnuts—Fancy California, at the pound only **21c**

Figs—Fancy Imported Figs, priced at the pound **15c**

Pickles—Fancy Sweet Pickles, priced at the quart **13c**

Olives—Fancy large Queen Olives at the quart **43c**



ERNST VON POSSART.

Ernst von Possart, distinguished in the German art world, has been asked by Madame Nordica to assume direction of her gigantic project for the establishment of an American Bayreuth. It will be remembered that Madame Nordica is planning this great Bayreuth which will probably be located in the banks of the Hudson river, as the final exemplification of American art. Her selection of Von Possart is unquestionably an excellent one in connection with her undertaking. For 40 years he has dominated the German stage as the willing portrayer of the big classic roles. It was due to his initiative and energy that the erection of the great Prinz Regenten theater was made possible at Munich. Von Possart will make an ideal manager for the American Bayreuth, for he has been a frequent visitor at the original Bayreuth and there, and later in Munich, has absorbed all the details of the traditions that hedge about Wagner music dramas.

FLOODING OF RINK SOMEWHAT DELAYED

There has been much comment on the way which the High School rink is being flooded. So far there has been only one or two small garden hoses running adn at that rate the rink would never be in condition for skating. When asked about it Thursday afternoon Superintendent Bird said, "We are trying to get the rink ready for the skaters as soon as possible, but the ground will not permit flooding yet. When the lot was filled in, leaves and other material gathered from the streets was used in the filling and in consequence the water sinks in as soon as it is put on. We are therefore trying to freeze the upper layer of soil and as soon as that is hard enough the rink will be flooded from the corner hydrant."

Hogan School Rink Flooded.
The Hogan school rink was flooded Thursday afternoon by the city at the request of Miss Hoefke of that school. There has been a large rink there every year and this year it is larger and better than ever.

CHARITY HAS NOT FOUND THE LETTERS

At the La Crosse postoffice a large number of letters from little children have again been received addressed to Santa Claus.

Most of these letters are from children who can live but in the hope than Santa will get their letter, and bring them something, as their parents are in most cases unable to give them gifts.

Assistant Postmaster C. C. Looney says that unless some one in the city calls and volunteers to answer the prayers of the children their letters will not arrive at the proper destination—Santa will not get them—as they will be forwarded to the waste basket.

A recent order of Postmaster General Meyers says that the local postal authorities of each city may give these letters to charitable organizations in the city, but as yet no one has volunteered to take the letters held at the La Crosse office.

As She As Spoke.

They were tourists from a more or less aristocratic London suburb, and they were "doing Paris" with that celerity and intelligence for which the British tourist is famous. Of course, they went to the Louvre, and by and by James caught sight of a somewhat striking picture, and immediately proceeded to express his admiration in the accepted manner.

"What ho! What prize this—eh?" he said to his companion in adventure.

An attendant standing by had evidently studied English to some purpose, and with the courtesy of his race, he stepped forward.

"Pardon, m'sieu," he said. "Zat picture—eet is not by Watteau, and eet is not for sale."—Philadelphia Record.

Umbrellas, attractive handles, Pearl, Horn, Gold & Silver mounted, Silk covers, tape edges—a wonderful bargain, at \$4.50 usually sells for \$6.00. Irvine's. Our prices are everlastingly the lowest.

3 MORE XMAS SHOPPING DAYS 3

And by the advance Xmas Buying in Jewelry, which has prevailed for the past three weeks over our counters, we are sure that those who had their hearts set on receiving a Watch, Diamond, Brooch, Bracelet, Toilet Set, and in fact everything ever lasting and beautiful in Jewelry will rejoice on Xmas morning. For the next few Buying Days we are offering great Bargains in DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS, TOILET SETS, MANICURE SETS, ETC.



Manicure and Toilet Sets.
Sterling Manicure Sets, 5 piece, heavy \$3.25 up
Toilet Sets, heavy embossed design, regular \$8 and \$8.50 set, special at \$6.00

DIAMOND RINGS

Gents' 5/8 k Diamond Rings, Belcher mounting \$85.00

Ladies' 1/4 k Diamond Rings, Fancy or Tiffany mounting \$35.00

Ladies' light 1/4 k Diamonds, \$31 up

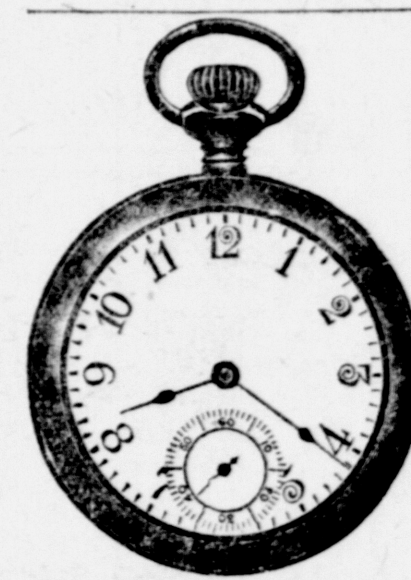
FOBS

Gents' Fobs, best quality, gold filled \$2.50 up

Ladies' best quality Fobs \$2.00 up

CUFF BUTTONS

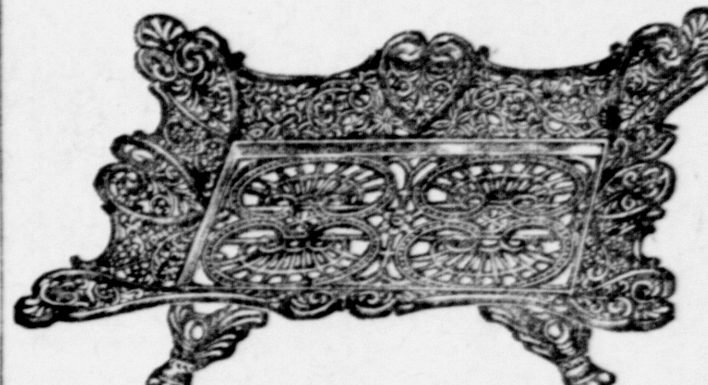
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The best medium priced watch on the market, fitted with Solid Nickel Movement, Jeweled, fitted in imported fancy Silver case. Special at

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NORTH SIDE BRIEFS

The coffee given yesterday by the ladies of the St. James church at the home of Mrs. Dwyer, 632 Mill street, was well attended and the event will be continued with supper at 5:30 and coffee and supper throughout the evening. The proceeds are for the benefit of the St. James church.

Arthur Asselin, who has been out west for the last two years, has returned home for the holidays and may remain here indefinitely. He has been located the greater part of the time at Seattle, Wash. Mr. Asselin reports a pleasant trip and says he likes the country.

Mrs. N. Frey is the guest of relatives and friends for a few days in Dubuque, Ia.

The coffee and bazaar given by the ladies of the St. Jaems church at the home of Mrs. William Dwyer was well attended the ladies netted a neat sum.

Miss Mathilda Miller, who has been teaching for several years in the Sixth district school in Eau Claire will return to La Crosse tomorrow to spend the Christmas vacation of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Miller on upper Caledonia street.

Miss Susie Swarthout, who has been attending the university at Madison will return home tomorrow to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Swarthout, 904 Rose street. Charles Miller, the well known athlete, will be home tomorrow for the holidays.

Miss Katherine Devine, daughter of J. D. Devine of Rose street, is seriously ill.

Mr. James Welch, 331 Mill street, sustained a bad injury by falling from the roof of the box factory last week and has been confined to his bed ever since. He is improving rapidly.

Harry Schneller of 1353 Caledonia street expects to spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Mitchell, S. D.

Messrs. Rodney Wells and William Douglas have gone to West Salem on a business mission.

Frank Brabant, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brabant, who has been ill with pneumonia for some time, is much improved.

Mrs. S. Lade, 2108 Loomis street, is seriously ill with a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Fred Gruhn, who has been ill at her home, 911 Rose street, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Otto Hiller and Mr. Edgar Bott, left last evening for their homes in Berlin, Canada. Mr. Bott will be married there during the holidays and will return to La Crosse with his wife. Mr. Hiller is foreman at the Rubber Mills and Mr. Bott is a pattern maker.

Miss Mary Keaveny, who has been visiting friends in Hokah, has returned to her home in this city.

Mr. J. Ortwein, an employee of the La Crosse Rubber Mills left Wednesday evening for his home in Berlin, Canada. He will be joined in Chicago by Messrs. Hiller and Bott and the three will go from Chicago to Canada.

RIBS CRACKED BY A GRAVEL SPREADER

"WING" ARM FLIES AROUND UP ON FRANK FIRMMAN

ACCIDENT NEAR CROSSING

Had Force of Impact Been Greater, Arm Might Have Penetrated Heart of Victim

Frank Firmmann, 1909 Charles street, employed on the car repair track at Grand Crossing, had a narrow escape from instant death last evening when the wing of a gravel spreader upon which he and several other men were working, flew around and struck him on the left side with such force as to break two ribs.

He was carried home on a stretcher by his fellow employees and a physician was called who announced that two ribs had been fractured.

The machine upon which they were working is used for spreading gravel along the roadbeds and the crew was repairing it, when the wing snapped loose and struck him.

Had it struck with a little more force it is said that the iron arm would have penetrated his side and perhaps struck his heart.

He was resting easily today.

PERNELLA PIERCE DIES OF JAUNDICE

Miss Pernelle Pierce, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pierce passed away at her home on French Island yesterday noon. The child has been ill for some time with yellow jaundice and her death was the result.

The funeral will be held at nine o'clock tomorrow morning from the St. James church on Caledonia street. Rev. Ambrose Murphy officiating, with William Dwyer in charge of the arrangements.

Interment will be made at the French Island cemetery.

RUBBER MILLS TO RESUME NEXT MONTH

The La Crosse Rubber Mills company expect to resume active operations soon after the first of January. The work of taking inventory, etc., has been practically completed and everything will be in readiness for the resumption of work by the first.

STEEL "FROG" HOPS ONTO HIS FOOT

Louis Otto of Onalaska who is employed on the section crew of the Burlington road out of Grand Crossing, met with a painful accident in the yards yesterday when a heavy steel "frog" fell on his foot.

The man suffered great pain. He was assisted to his home.

CINCH CLUB MEETS.

Mrs. D. Mourning entertained at her home, 1426 George street, Wednesday afternoon, the members of the O. O. P. Cinch club. The prizes were won by Mrs. J. M. McCormick and Mrs. M. Clark.

DECIDE TAFT IS "SAFE AND SANE"

FRANKLIN CLUB FAVORS THE WAR SECRETARY

NEGATIVE BOOMED "BOB"

But Taft Debaters Believed Him Too Radical—Next Debate Is Postponed Three Weeks

Taft is the logical candidate of the republican party according to the decision made at the meeting of the Franklin club held last evening.

The question for debate was "Resolved, That William Taft is the Logical Candidate of the Republican Party." The affirmative was led by Paul Schultz, assisted by W. E. Barber and Mr. Jarcksky, and the negative by William Stevenson, assisted by Professors Spence and Hayden.

The jury which stood two to one for the affirmative consisted of Mr. Berg of Onalaska, Schlabach and Dr. Miller.

The negative boomed La Follette and tried hard to win. William Stevenson, who is a young member of the club, did remarkably well.

The affirmative argued that La Follette would be an unsafe man, while Taft was broad-minded.

There was a large attendance and the meeting proved to be very interesting.

The debate for next Thursday, Dec. 26, was postponed for three weeks, and will be announced later.

The question for Jan. 2 will be "Resolved, That Prohibition is the True Solution of the Liquor Question." Affirmative, George B. Marvin, Jr., and negative, Harry Spence. Jan. 9—"Resolved, That the Insurance Companies Are Justified in Leaving the State." Affirmative D. G. Whyte, negative, Fred H. Hartwell.

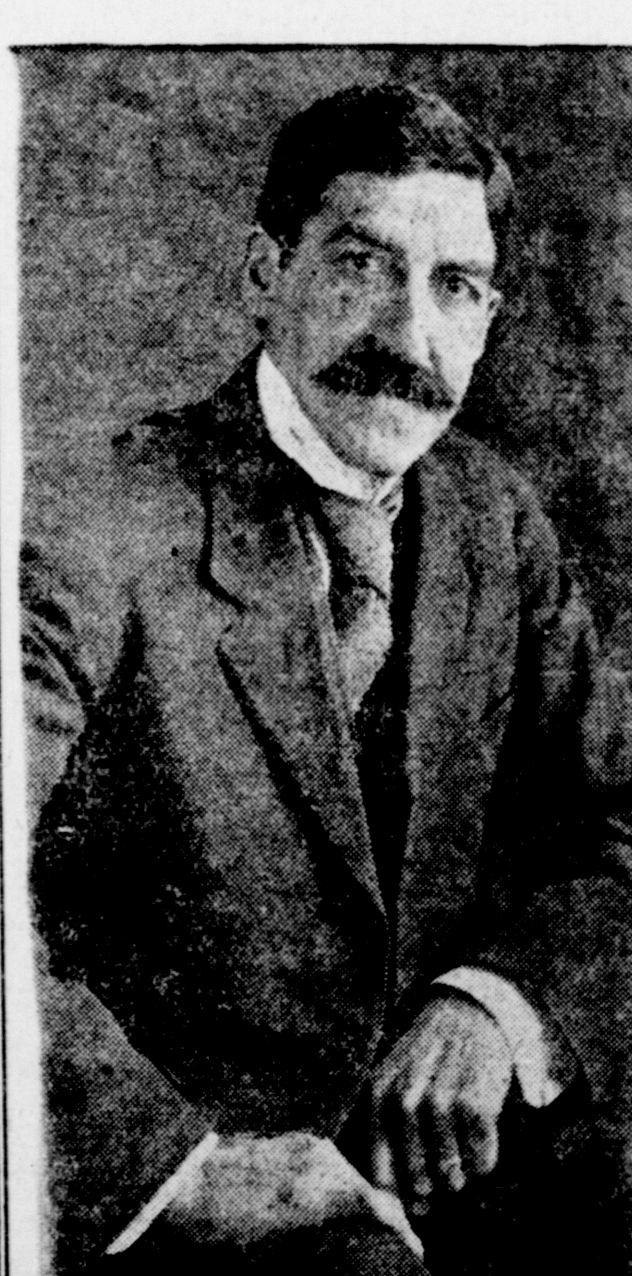
HAS NO COMPLAINT AGAINST THE HOME

Mrs. S. M. Greenmann, 208 Caledonia street, who returned recently from the Soldiers' home at Waupaca, claims that there is no necessity whatever of an investigation on the part of the relief commissioners. Mrs. Greenmann says she simply went to the home of her own accord hoping to find a place in which to recuperate after an illness that had lasted practically all summer, but owing to the crowded conditions at the institution she found that she obtained very little rest. She was forced to room with another inmate, who was ill and partly deranged, in a small room, and that it was too severe on her nerves, and she decided to come home. She had no charges whatever to make in regard to the treatment accorded the inmates and although she had heard a number of complaints by other inmates yet everything was done well as far as she was concerned.

"When I accepted Emil, he declared that he was in the seventh heaven."

"I believe that all right. He's been engaged six times before!"—Transatlantic Tales.

What is a more PRACTICAL or ACCEPTABLE GIFT to your WIFE or WIFE-TO-BE than a DEED to a HOME? Here is a practical list of B. r. ains. Select one and come lets talk it over.



\$3000.00 buys a nine room house and lot 72x150, near West Ave. South.

\$3100.00 buys 8 room modern house, lot 50x150 on Division street, near 9th.

\$3150.00 buys 8 room house with hot water heat, on Madison St., near 16th

\$3200.00 buys 8 room house, lot 58x175, on Madison St., near West Ave.

\$3000.00 buys new modern house, hot water heat, hardwood finish, on Cameron Ave., near 17th St.

\$3200.00 buys nine room house, with bath, electric light and gas, on 5th St., near Cameron Ave.

\$3200.00 buys nine room house and corner lot on 9th St., near Division St., modern.

\$3500.00 buys two lots 102x164, house and barn on the corner 11th and Vine St.

\$3500.00 buys new house, full basement, 8 rooms, on 13th St., near Madison St.

\$3600.00 buys 8 room modern brick house, full lot and barn, near Cameron Ave., on 9th St.

\$3500.00 buys two houses, lot 60x150, on 7th St., near Market St.

\$3500.00 buys modern brick house facing south on Ferry St., near West Ave.

\$3500.00 buys 8 room brick house and lot 70x140, and barn, on Division St., near West Ave.

COME LET US TALK IT OVER

FRANK G. ROTH, 4TH & PEARL ST.

Prospects are we will be all sold out on Oranges, Oysters, Bananas, Holly, Evergreen and Sweet Potatoes. Owing to big demands will run short for Monday and Tuesday.

JOHN C. BURNS
FRUIT HOUSE.

NO- There Is nothing better than good Photographs for a Christmas Gift. : : : :

PRYOR
524 Main St.

SOCIETY:
HAYWARD ENGAGEMENT OF SOCIAL INTEREST
An event of more than ordinary interest to theater goers will be the visit of Grace Hayward and her company to the La Crosse theater, which begins on Sunday, Dec. 22, and continues for a week. Miss Hayward herself is one of the leading stock-actresses of the country, and for three seasons was the leading woman at the Lyceum theater in Minneapolis. She is very popular in the Twin cities, and numbers her friends by the score. Miss Hayward is an actress in the highest and truest sense of the word, being a literary woman of no mean achievements, and a person of culture and education. She has dramatized a great many plays and written others, and those who were fortunate enough to see her dramatization of "Graustark," and her work as "Princess Yelive," will not soon forget it. It is a matter of deep regret that Miss Hayward will not play "Graustark" while in La Crosse. Among her best presentations are "Thelma" and "Camille" and all her characters are presented with wonderful realism. Miss Hayward has recently written a charming play which she and her capable company will present here, entitled "The Western Girl." This engagement will be far out of the beaten paths of the usual popular priced stock company and is likely to prove of interest to society during the holiday week. Miss Hayward in private life is Mrs. George M. Gatts, she having married her business manager a few years ago. Mr. Gatts will be in the city during the week.

AFAIRS FOR MISS GODDARD.
Mrs. Fred Goddard of 216 South Sixteenth street entertained a family dinner on Tuesday evening, for Miss Myrtle Goddard. Covers were laid for ten.

MRS. W. H. TARBOX of 223 North Eighth street was hostess at a coffee yesterday afternoon, the guests of honor being Mrs. Fred Hanneman of Minneapolis and Miss Myrtle Goddard. The house was made charming with the Christmas holly and about fifteen ladies were entertained.

MIXED CHORUS TONIGHT.
The regular weekly rehearsal for the mixed chorus choir of the First Baptist church will be held tonight in the church auditorium. Miss Cassie Mahlum will direct and music for Christmas will be sung.

COMING AND GOING.
Mrs. Theodore Withee arrived in the city Wednesday evening and will remain for some time. She will be joined later by her little daughter, Eleanor and her mother, Mrs. Shaw.
Phillip Thurber, who is attending Racine college, came home last evening to spend the holidays with his mother.
Mrs. J. F. Cross of West avenue will entertain her mother, Mrs. E. B. Rowe of South Bend, Ind., and two brothers during holiday week. Another brother of Mrs. Cross' sailed with the fleet last Tuesday from Hampton Roads, being one of the crew on Admiral Evans' flag ship, the Connecticut.
Miss Olga Walloe was unexpectedly called to Chicago last night, by the death of her brother-in-law.
Dr. P. R. Carroll of "Duffield" fame is in the city from Milwaukee for a few days' visit with his many friends and acquaintances.

GIVE HIM THE 'GLAD HAND'
"Christmas comes but once a year. And when it comes it brings good cheer."
"Good cheer" cannot come without
Nebuer Ginger Ale
and let good health promote "good cheer"—that's the best plan.
N. S. BOTTLING WORKS
901-903 ROSE ST. BOTH PHONES

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUNIOR TREE

CITY MISSION COMPLETES PLANS FOR OBSERVANCE

CHILDREN TO GIVE TOYS

Sunday School Superintendents Will Ask Pupils to Contribute Last Year's Presents

Christmas will be a happy day at the City Mission this year.
There is to be a big, old-fashioned dinner, and there will be a big Christmas tree laden with presents for the children.
Supt. A. M. Ivey has about completed all plans for the big affair and is assured it will be a grand success.
The dinner will consist of turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, celery and the other substantial and delicacies which go to make up an old fashioned Christmas dinner, completed with ice cream. Instead of depending upon people to come uninvited Mr. Ivey has secured with the assistance of the humane agent and others the names of about 200 needy people to whom invitations will be issued for the dinner, which will be served at the Mission hall on Main street from noon until 2 o'clock Christmas day.
At 4 o'clock Christmas afternoon a Christmas tree for the children will be held, followed by a program. Sunday school superintendents throughout the city have arranged to ask their pupils to contribute to the mission any old toys they may have in good condition, and these will be distributed, together with what clothing, etc., is donated.

CITY STATUTES EXCLUDED.
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Opponents of Sunday saloons scored heavily in the trial of "Tom" Chamales yesterday. Municipal Judge Heap ruled unambiguously in favor of the contentions of the state, declaring the state law supreme in the procedure against Chamales. The city ordinances regulating Sunday saloons, in so far as they conflict with the statutes, will be excluded from the hearing.

The spirit of Christmas is exerting itself quite freely at Irvine's. Right goods at right prices is the cause. Beautiful diamond Rings at \$18.00 & \$20.00. Tiffany and fancy mountings. Big values. Irvine's, 429 Main St., La Crosse's Popular Jewelry Store.

PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

THE DAYS OF DECISION ARE AT HAND

"That what to give him" must be finally settled now, and the best way to settle it is to decide upon something wearable—for that combines both the practical and the ornamental. That should bring you here to the man's favorite store—where "he" buys his wardrobe, because, you'll be sure of suiting his taste exactly—and the Continental stamp means to every man in La Crosse a warranty of correctness and worth. And as you figure up the cost you'll find there's advantage on that score to be had here as well. A few minutes expended in this store now may save hours of indefinite seeking, as you know the largest lines of everything in men's and boys' wearing apparel are found here. Goods exchanged or money refunded—always.

OVERCOATS
The above illustrates one of our new English Patch Pocket Overcoat, now selling at greatly reduced prices.

UMBRELLAS
Handsomest mountings, durable frames, wearable coverings. Largest collection.
\$1 to \$6.00

MUFFLERS
The most attractive assortment. Domestic and imported textures.
50c to \$5.00

HALF HOSE
Exquisite creations ready for your choosing. All proper colorings.
10c up to \$1.00

NECKWEAR
Special attention is directed to this department. Everything that's new and novel. Exquisite color combinations.
25c to \$1.50

HANDKERCHIEFS
Always appropriate and always appreciated. With or without initial in Silk, Cambric, Linen, etc. All new creations. Largest selection.
5c to \$1.00

GLOVES
Lined or unlined. We offer a special showing in this department which is meritorious for its values as well as attractiveness.
\$1.00 to \$5.00

SHOES
Fur Collars .. \$3.50 to \$10.00
Boys' Gauntlet
Gloves 50c to \$1.00
Boys' Pajamas at \$1.00
Boys' Sweaters .. 65c to \$2.00

PAJAMAS
\$1.50 to \$3.00
Scarf Pins 25c to \$1.50
Cuff Links 25c to \$1.50
Hats \$1.50 to \$5.00
Underwear 30c to \$2.50
Union Suits \$1.00 to \$5.00
Collar Bags \$1.50 and \$2.00
Sweater Coats \$2.00 to \$5.00

SHOES
Smoking Jackets \$4.50 to \$10.00
Bath Robes \$3.50 to \$15.00
Suit Cases \$1.25 to \$15.00
Traveling Bags \$6.50 to \$8.50
Fancy Vests \$1.50 to \$5.00
Suspenders (In special boxes) 50c to \$2.50
Shirts 50c to \$2.00
Fur Caps \$3.50 to \$12.50
Night Robes 50c to \$1.50

SHOES
Pajamas .. \$1.50 to \$3.00
Scarf Pins 25c to \$1.50
Cuff Links 25c to \$1.50
Hats \$1.50 to \$5.00
Underwear 30c to \$2.50
Union Suits \$1.00 to \$5.00
Collar Bags \$1.50 and \$2.00
Sweater Coats \$2.00 to \$5.00

SHOES
The **CONTINENTAL.**
HENRY N. BOEHM, Manager.

PERSONALS
Order your candies for Christmas now, our own make—Pfund's.
City Attorney John F. Doherty returned from Chicago where he has been for the past few days on business.
A regular supper will be served every night until Christmas by John Neukomm at the Schiller saloon, for the benefit of the business men and clerks.
Phillip Thurber, has returned from Racine, where he has been attending college, to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Thurber.
Chop Suey Cocktail. Hub Miller's, New Theatre Buffet.
Leonard Jorstad has returned from Minneapolis to spend the holidays with his parents.
Don't forget the dollar Ingersoll Watch for the boys, at Helfach, jeweler.
Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Farrand have returned from a visit with relatives at Galesville.
Union-made working shoes for \$2.00, at Gausch's.
Miss May Downs has returned to Winona after visiting friends in La Crosse.
All pine edgings, finest kindling in the land. Arctic Ice & Fuel Co., phones 231.
Rev. W. D. Thomas of this city will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church at Galesville Sunday.
Others say the only place in the city to buy tan shoes is at Gausch's, 524 Main.
Congressman John J. Esch will be home during the holidays.
Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Schneeberger have moved from 429 South Third street to 1116 South Fourth street.
500 different styles scarf pins at \$1 each, at Helfach, jeweler.
E. L. Rickard of Evanston is visiting friends in the city this week.
This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Ask your Druggist.
O. G. Fischer of Houston was a business caller in the city for a short time yesterday.
Electric Lamps, \$6.50 to \$50, at Helfach, jeweler.
F. J. Lades has returned to his home in Melrose after transacting business in the city.
Coffee percolators, \$4 to \$10, at Helfach, jeweler, 322 Main.
Mr. and Mrs. John Olson of Holmen are the guest of friends in the city today.
Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.
A. Rolleston of Northfield, Minn., is spending a few days in the city on a business mission.
Dr. Wm. Lambert, office 419 S. 5th, residence 1512 Madison street.
William Sinclair of Mable is calling on business acquaintances in the city.
Umbrellas, \$3.50 to \$20, at Helfach, jeweler.
Dr. Christenson left last evening for Madison where he will visit today.
You know as well as any one when you need something to regulate your system. If your bowels are sluggish, your food distends you, your kidneys pain, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It always relieves. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your Druggist.
Charles Kuhn of Grand Meadow is calling on acquaintances in the city for a few days.
The official Saengerfest cigar, manufactured by Joehn Dengler, Call for it.
F. A. Monty of Mankato is a business caller in La Crosse for a few days.
Ladies' Watches, \$12.50 to \$300 at Helfach, jeweler.
C. L. Robins has returned to his home in Grand Meadow after transacting business.
500 Fountain Pens, special sale, 70c, at Helfach, jeweler.
They are now—those button shoes in dull finish. L. F. Gausch, 524 Main.
Excellent Carriage Line. Phone 179 Gateway City Transfer Line.
J. Stein of Black River Falls is in the city for a few days on a business mission.
G. O. Fortney of Viroqua is spending a few days in the city calling on business acquaintances.
All well advertised Patent Medicines of merit, are on sale at Young's Owl Drug Store.
F. Stentzel has returned to his home in Waukesha after visiting friends in the city yesterday.
Now is the time. Helfach, jeweler, is the place to get the best goods at lowest prices.
O. L. Helgeson of Viroqua has returned home after transacting business in La Crosse.
Fine Electric Portables, Benton's, E. Erickson of Ferryville was in the city visiting friends yesterday.
Bracelets, \$1 to \$50, at Helfach, jeweler.
Do you know of a better place to buy jewelry than Helfach, jeweler? Now is the time to make your selection. Visit our salesroom.
O. T. Stowell of Prairie du Chien has returned home after attending to business in the city.
Pocket Knives, 75c to \$10, at Helfach, jeweler, 322 Main.
Miss L. H. Smith, Seattle, Wash., is in the city today renewing old acquaintances.
When winds shriek high in fiendish glee.
And enters winter with his key Protect yourself, from disease be free; Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.
Ask your Druggist.
John Richard of Wells, Minn., is in the city today renewing old acquaintances.
Sparkling Diamonds, \$5 to \$1000, at Helfach, jeweler.
E. F. Tawney of Winona was in the city yesterday visiting friends and business acquaintances.
R. W. Bowman of Bangor is spending a few days in the city with friends.
The La Crosse souvenir spoon with the Indians playing la crosse and Grand Dad's Bluff in the background, stamped from a special die, sold only by Helfach, the leading jeweler.
J. Mitchell of Cresco, Ia., was a business caller in La Crosse yesterday.
Ladies' Leather Bags, \$1 to \$20, at Helfach, jeweler.
W. M. Wood of Decatur is the guest of friends in the city for a few days.
Ebony Goods, 50c to \$20.00, at Helfach, jeweler, 322 Main street.
P. Kelley of Eau Claire was a business caller in the city this week.
M. Larson has returned to his home in Viroqua after transacting business in the city.
Hawke's Cut Glass, sold by Helfach, jeweler.
S. F. Fulcon of Minneapolis is visiting relatives in the city during the holidays.
Coral, Amber and Pearl Beads, \$2.00 to \$20.00, at Helfach, jeweler.
James Hill of Arcan, N. D., was calling on business acquaintances in the city yesterday.
Chaffing Dishes, \$4.50 to \$12.00, at Helfach, jeweler.
O. H. Fortier of Red Wing, Minn., is spending a few days in the city with friends.
3 piece Toilet Sets, \$2.50 to \$35, at Helfach, jeweler.
Whitman Foster and Edward Burnham returned last evening from Andover, Mass., where they have been attending college.
Signet Rings, \$1.50 to \$30, at Helfach, jeweler.
W. H. Harwood of Madison has returned home after transacting business in the city.
Hand painted China work done by artists, sold by Helfach, jeweler.

CITY NEWS
DR. J. SCHLEITER has removed his office to the McMillan Bldg., rooms 305-307 Third Floor.
NO ACTION—No action was taken in the way of preparing a report of the home patronage circulars by the Manufacturers' and Jobbers' union last evening and the matter was left to the general meeting on the second Tuesday in January. Mr. Calvert will continue to draw up a report of the many circulars received.
ELOPERS CAUGHT—Martin Nelson and his fifteen-year-old bride, have been arrested at St. Louis according to a dispatch which was received from there. They eloped a few days ago from Rushford, Minn.
GROCERS CLOSE—The La Crosse Retail Grocer's association have agreed to close all day on Christmas and also on New Years day. They will, however, keep open the evening before each of these holidays.
MOVES—Rev. Dr. Thomas, who has been located on the third floor of the McMillan building, has moved to the fifth floor. Among the many articles to be removed were several thousand volumes of books.
History Revised.
A dyer had brought his dyestuff to Caesar, who was experimenting in royal purples.
In handling the vase containing the stuff the dyer clumsily spilled a drop or two on Caesar's toga.
The invader of Gaul was greatly angered. Seizing the vase of dye he hurled it after the fleeing dyer.
"The dye is cast, he said, and went in to change his linen."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

REV. IRISH SPEAKS AT CITY MISSION
This evening Rev. James W. Irish of the First Methodist church will speak at the City Mission on Main street. He will also be accompanied by some of his singers and an excellent program is assured.
NOTICE.
The Claims Committee of the County Board will meet at the office of the County Clerk Monday, Dec. 23rd.
All parties having claims against the county are requested to file bills with the county clerk on or before that date.

What others advertise, Irvine sells for less. Woven Gold Filled Wire Fobs, guaranteed 25 years, a \$5 fob for \$3.75. Irvine's. La Crosse's Greatest Jewelry Store.



COREN'S

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY'S SALE OF CLOAKS AND FURS

This sale should interest every belated Cloak Buyer—for now you can buy a Cloak, Fur, Scarf or Muff as a Christmas Gift and buy it at after-holiday prices. . .

Cloaks as Practical Gifts at Way-Down Prices.

Women's \$15.00 Cloaks, \$9.90

Women's Stylish Winter Cloaks, in loose and semi-fitting styles, made of heavy kersey, caracul and fancy mixtures, \$15.00 values Saturday . . . \$9.90

Women's \$18 and \$20 Coats, \$13.50

Women's Semi-Fitting Coats—Made of fine chevrons, kerseys and checked mixtures, tailored and trimmed styles. Values to \$20.00, Saturday special . . . \$13.50

Children's \$6.50 Cloaks at \$4.85

Children's \$6.50 Cloaks at \$4.85—Made of heavy cheviot, strapped trimmed, high storm collar, in red, blue and brown, \$6.50 values, special Saturday . . . \$4.85

FUR PRICES CUT

Your opportunity to buy a practical gift for little money.

Brown Coney Scarfs—With six tails in short neck pieces, \$2.00 values . . . \$1.68

Black Coney Scarfs—Short neck pieces, 6 tails, \$2.50 values, special . . . \$1.98

\$5.00 Scarfs \$3.98—Short sable fox scarfs, tail ornaments, and long brown or black coney, special at only . . . \$3.98

\$7.50 Scarfs \$4.95—Isabella fox, sable fox and river mink, ornamented with bushy tails and claws or cluster of tails, very special at . . . \$4.95

\$8.00 to \$10.00 Scarfs \$6.50—Sable and Isabella fox, head ornaments, with single bushy tails or cluster of tails, a bargain at only . . . \$6.50

SANTA CLAUS SHOULD NOT MISS THESE.

Children's Furs—Bear skin and Chinchilla set, a most practical gift for the little Miss.

Child's Angora Sets—And lambsdown washable sets, at only per set . . . \$1.25

Child's Sets—Of white astrakhan, trimmed with angora, ribbon bows and purse attached. See these at \$3.00, \$3.50 and . . . \$4.00

Separate white mottled bearskin muffs, at only . . . \$.85

Children's Sets—Made of mottled white Teddy bearskin set composed of muff, scarf and leggings, at per set . . . \$3.00

Children's Sets—Made of grey chinchilla, scarf, muff and leggings, at per set, \$2.50 and . . . \$3.00

Separate white bearskin muffs at only . . . 65c

MONARCH VISIBLE TYPEWRITERS
S. J. de RANITZ & CO.,
TYPEWRITERS SOLD AND RENTED, 110 N. THIRD STREET, NEW PHONE, 523R, OLD 4204.

THE LIGHTEST LIGHT MAN ROGERS
Electric Work at the price of any other firm. BOTH PHONES

THE ELLIOTT-LOEFFLER COMPANY
.....Wholesale.....
WINES AND LIQUORS
Imported and Domestic
Mineral Water, Ginger Ales, Club Soda, Bass Ales, Dublin Stout, Etc.
FULL LINE OF BAR GLASSWARE
Both Phones 198
223 and 224 PEARL STREET

GET WISE HAVE US FIX YOUR TEETH
DR. J. W. LAWRENCE, DENTIST.
4th and Jay Sts. La Crosse, Wis.

I have lot of Diamonds, will sell at Half Their Value
C. B. STEVENS OPTICIAN.
209 McMillan Building.

Condensed Statement of the Condition of the STATE BANK OF LA CROSSE, La Crosse, Wisconsin, at the Close of Business, Dec. 3, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$681,253.36
Overdrafts	434.73
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,000.00
U. S. and other bonds and securities	73,053.50
Due from banks and in vault	258,375.64
Total	\$1,021,117.23
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	19,321.33
Deposits	901,795.90
Total	\$1,021,117.23

HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets
A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney troubles, Flatulence, Scourge, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. Its Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis.
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

MUM AS A CLAM TAFT REACHES HOME

REFUSES TO DISCUSS POLITICS AFTER LONG ABSENCE

TRIP'S OBJECT ACCOMPLISHED

Secretary of War in Good Spirits and Says He May Have a Statement to Make Later.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"I have been away from the United States 120 days and have been out of touch with public affairs generally, therefore I don't feel I should talk on any public questions at this time. But I may have something to say later on. I expect to have my nose to the grindstone for some time to come. Under no circumstances shall I discuss politics. I have had a splendid trip and found Americans were welcome in every place I reached."

In the above statement Taft evaded all efforts to get him to discuss his boom as he landed from the Gen.

Grant today, accompanied by his wife and son. He intimated the object of his trip had been accomplished and that he expected to go to see Roosevelt without delay. His brother and a number of personal friends met him at the dock.

STUFFED WITH CASH SHE STEALS TRASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Being loaded down with so much good gold coin and greenbacks that she had to stuff the money into her stockings and in all her pockets, did not prevent Mrs. Paulina Rausch, 45 years old, 7002 Bishop street, from stealing ribbon yesterday.

She was caught in a Halsted street store after taking several bolts of the bright material, worth, perhaps, a dollar or two.

The Englewood police took charge of her, and were astounded when they found \$1,300 on her. Mrs. Rausch said she could not spend the money for ribbon, as she had drawn it from a bank to pay a mortgage.

The police will ask that she be examined so that they may know if her mind is all right.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

MEN WANTED—Apply 7 a. m. Monday, Dec. 23, W. W. Cargill barn.

FOR RENT—Five room house, corner Rose and Carr.

The headache of a woman is natural, but that of a man is usually acquired.

Parker JEWELER
510 MAIN ST.
LA CROSSE, WIS.

OPERA GLASSES

Pearl-Handled and all other kinds, suitable for Christmas Gifts. Prices are lower than ever before. Also the new patented Opera Glass Holder, so admired by women of taste. No gift would be more appreciated by the theatre-goer.

Parker JEWELER
510 MAIN ST.
LA CROSSE, WIS.

LAFOLLETTE SHOWS STRENGTH IN EAST

STRAW VOTE SHOWS HIM AHEAD OF MANY AS SECOND CHOICE

THE PAPERS SUPPRESSED IT

Republican League, However, Comments Significantly Upon Growing Power of Strenuous Badger

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Much interest has been aroused among politicians by a statement that has been issued by the League of Republican clubs of New York embodying a summary of answers to letters of inquiry as to presidential choice received from 1,688 persons in New York state. These letters were sent to persons of more or less activity in politics. They have revealed a surprising sentiment for La Follette in New York, giving him 186 for second choice and sixty for third choice. He leads Cannon, Foraker, and even Root on second choice strength.

It is of peculiar interest in this connection that little of what the league said in its statement concerning La Follette was printed in eastern papers. The statement says:

La Follette's Strength Surprises.

"Until the time of the holding of the Columbia college mock convention Senator La Follette was not regarded at all as a factor in the situation. The canvass being made by the league shows clearly that Mr. La Follette has a very considerable following in New York state entirely disproportionate to any activity in this state on the part of either himself or his friends."

It is further said "the most surprising feature of the canvass was the disclosure of such an unexpected sentiment for Senator La Follette."

Another feature of the statement that has been left almost unnoticed is that it declares the replies would seem to indicate that one of the tell-tale issues of the campaign will be prohibition, that it will be in evidence in the coming campaign more than in any campaign since 1880, and that it will be equally embarrassing to both parties.

ANTON ERICKSON IS LAID TO LAST REST

The last rites over the remains of the late Anton S. Erickson were performed yesterday at the residence, 1225 Winnebago street, at 2 o'clock and at the Norwegian Lutheran church, Division and West avenue, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. H. G. Maggelsson officiated.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Martin Bjornstad, Louis A. Weisbecker, John Ott, J. Voves, J. S. Haugen and E. C. Raymond.

A large concourse attended the services and followed the remains to their final resting place in Oak Grove cemetery.

The members of the Redmen and the Maccabees attended the services in a body.

Those who attended the funeral from outside the city were E. S. Erickson and wife of Westby, Mrs. R. E. Argall of Nattan, N. D., Julius Rudi of Coon Valley, and Carl Olson of Chicago.

ENTERPRISE COUNCIL OF YEOMEN ELECT

Enterprise Council No. 351, Yeomen of America, held their annual election of officers at the Woodman hall on Rose street, last evening and the following officers were elected:

Worthy President—Robert Roeder.

Past President—S. L. Burdick.

Vice President—Mrs. R. A. Taylor.

Chaplain—Mrs. Laughlin.

Chancellor—Wm. F. Ott.

Vice chancellor—Callie Hoard.

Secretary—T. J. Ritter.

Treasurer—J. S. Cox.

Guide—Elmer Jenks.

Ass. Guide—Mrs. P. M. Finn.

Trustee for two years—Dan Dineen.

Trustee for three years—S. L. Burdick.

WILL PUBLISH THE HOME TRADE DEALERS

Although a report was not prepared by the meeting at the La Crosse club by the local patronage committee of the Manufacturers' & Jobbers' union last evening it is expected that among the recommendations which will be made at the next meeting will be that all the names of the La Crosse retailers who have been so prompt in responding in a hearty co-operation be published in the newspapers.

It is also said that they will express their gratification for the encouragement with which they have met from these retailers.

Secretary Calvert was optimistic today and said that he was well pleased with the way that the work of the committee had progressed.

JURY COMMISSION SELECT VENIRMEN

Circuit Court Jury Commissioners William Smith, Frank P. Coburn, and Burt Smith, today began the task of selecting the venire for the January term of circuit court, which will convene on Jan. 14. The veniremen will be chosen tomorrow, the commissioners simply selecting the names to draw from today.

REDMEN FIGURE ON NEW WIGWAM

The Wineschick Tribe Improved Order of Redmen contemplate the

CARELESS FARMER IS MINUS \$1,181

SUM DISAPPEARS UPON TRAIN INTO LA CROSSE

HAD IT IN OVERCOAT POCKET

And When He Came to Pay His Hotel Bill It Was Gone—Anxious Telegrams Are Sent Broadcast

Theodore Anderson, a farmer from Newcastle, Neb., while enroute to his old home in Houston, Minn., had the misfortune to lose a pocketbook containing about \$30 in cash and a draft on one of the banks at Sioux City, Ia., for \$1,151 yesterday.

Mr. Anderson first discovered his loss this morning when he went to pay his bill at the Northwestern hotel. He immediately made a search, but was unable to locate the missing purse.

He went to the Northwestern depot, and notified the agent to look through the train on which he traveled, but up to the present nothing has been heard of the loss.

The bank at Sioux City has been notified, and payment on the draft stopped. If the pocketbook was stolen the thief will have trouble getting the money.

Mr. Anderson in notifying the police this morning did not believe it was stolen, but was of the opinion that it was lost on the train, as he had it in his overcoat pocket and it could very easily have slipped out.

Mr. Anderson accompanied by his wife and two children were on their way to Houston, where they were to spend Christmas with relatives, and they proceeded to Houston this morning, with the hope that the railroad company would find the missing purse.

construction of an up-to-date Wigwam down town. They are trying to increase their membership to such an extent as to make this possible.

The Redmen's Wigwams are decorated in an especially tasty manner and if completed they will have one of the most picturesque lodge rooms in the city.

What Time Is It By YOUR Stomach

If Your Stomach Does Not Strike "Meal Time!" Three Times a Day, It Usually Means Dyspepsia.

How to Be Happy-Hungry.

As a rule all hours of the day look alike, and feel alike, to the dyspeptic. There is no hankering for breakfast, no gnawing for lunch, and no mouth-watering for dinner. Disgust



takes the place of desire, and the clock itself at mealtime reflects the owner's grumpy face.

If before breakfast, before dinner and before supper you do not feel a happy-hungry feeling and longing for food, and feel that you could eat almost anything put before you, you have a symptom of dyspepsia.

If during your meals you still have an aversion to food, or feel hungry and not-hungry at the same time, you have a very pronounced case of dyspepsia.

If after your meals you feel bloated, or gassy, or you have heartburn and pains in your stomach, or you feel gurgly brash rising in your throat, you have a chronic case of dyspepsia, and you have had it a long time, probably without realizing it.

For all these things there is a sure cure, a cure that will make mealtime an awaited pleasure, and the meal itself a soothing luxury. This is true—because the cure, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, contain just the elements which a good, strong, healthy stomach has.

Each little tablet is enough to digest 3,000 grains of food, thoroughly and well—just as though you had no stomach at all.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets actually do all the work of a healthy stomach. They digest if your stomach can't. They digest everything.

Take one or two after each meal and know what it is to have the luxury of a perfect digestion, and stop irritation, belching, bloating and brash, and that "lump o' lead" feeling. They cure dyspepsia, indigestion and all stomach troubles. They contain absolutely nothing harmful. They are made of golden seal, diastase, and similar digestive agents.

Try several today and let your stomach be convinced, let your mind be at ease, and your face be rosy.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at any drug store on earth, 50c a box.

Send us your name and address today and we will at once send you by mail a sample package free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

At all druggists, 50c a box.

BATAVIAN NATIONAL BANK

Report of the Financial Condition of the Bank Located at La Crosse, State of Wisconsin, at the Close of Business on the 3rd Day of December, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$2,224,040.89
Overdrafts	5,664.53
U. S. Bonds	400,000.00
Other bonds	129,461.02
Banking house and fixtures	70,000.00
5 per cent redemption fund	20,000.00
Cash on hand	224,164.85
Due from bank	439,712.07
Total	\$3,513,044.36
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$400,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	38,244.29
National Bank notes outstanding	390,000.00
Deposits	2,584,650.07
Dividend unpaid	150.00
Total	\$3,513,044.36

STATE BANK OF LA CROSSE

La Crosse, Wisconsin, at the Close of Business, Dec. 3, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$681,253.36
Overdrafts	434.73
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,000.00
U. S. and other bonds and securities	73,053.50
Due from banks and in vaults	258,375.64
Total	\$1,021,117.23
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	19,321.33
Deposits	901,795.90
Total	\$1,021,117.23

BIJOU IMPROVED VAUDEVILLE

Performance this week is like giving Gold Dollars for Pennies.

This will be the most talked of show ever in La Crosse.

THE BIG DRAWING CARDS:

"Dem Minstrel Boys"	The Famous Rafs,
The O'Neill Trio.	Novelty Artists.
Miss Daisy Gordon,	Wm. Courtwright & Co.
Prima Donna Soprano.	Producing a travesty on a scene from the play "Camille."
Bell and Washburn,	Moving Pictures. Etc.
Expert Instrumentalists.	Ladies' Popular Matinees Every Day at 3:00 O'Clock.

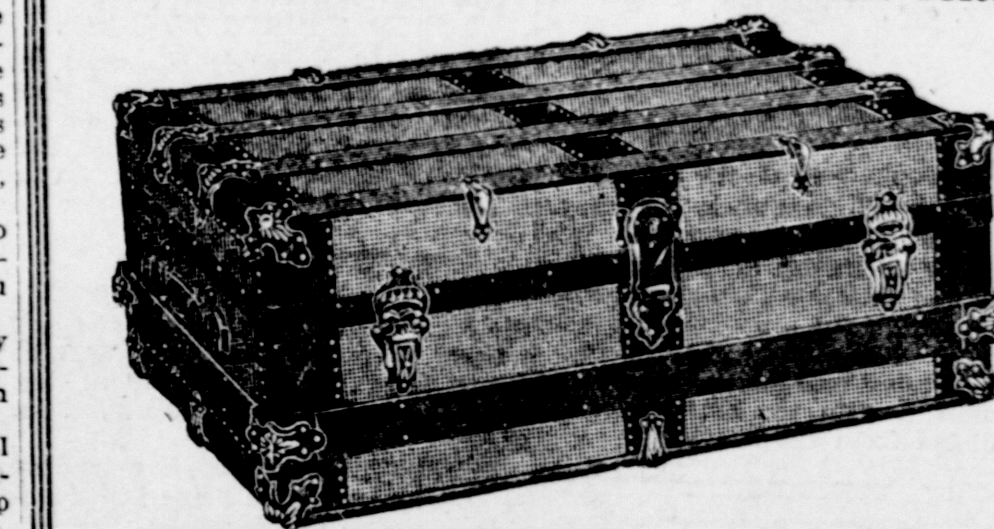
Everything, Every Day That's Good To Eat.

OYSTERS, CELERY, LETTUCE, CAULIFLOWER, FRUITS, NUTS, ETC.

TENNESON THE GROCERY MAN

1307-1309 MARKET STREET. BOTH PHONES

Trunks, Valises & Suit Cases At Moderate Prices



TRUNK FACTORY, 212 Main Street

ED. PINAUD'S HAIR TONIC (EAU DE QUININE)

The one sure, safe remedy for hair troubles. It makes the hair beautiful, heavy and fluffy. Use it every day and watch your hair improve.

FREE, a sample bottle of ED. PINAUD'S HAIR TONIC (enough for 3 applications) for 10c. to pay postage and packing. Write today to ED. PINAUD'S American Offices, Ed. Pinaud Building, New York City. Ask your dealer for ED. PINAUD'S HAIR TONIC.



Woven Gold Filled Wire Pendant and Slide for Monogram. 1 1/2-in. wide; Guaranteed 10 yrs. \$5.50. Same Fob without Pendant, but with Ring for attaching locket. \$1.00. Locket extra; Monogram engraved free. at only \$3.50. Small size Fob for Ladies use, like cut.

THE ONLY POPULAR PRICED JEWELRY STORE

IRVINE'S

WE SELL TO THE PEOPLE DIRECT AT WHOLESALE

We buy direct from the largest and best manufacturers. To do this one must have a large outlet for goods. We have an enormous trade in the city and in addition to this are doing a MAIL ORDER BUSINESS that helps us dispose of large enough quantities of WATCHES, JEWELRY and CUT GLASS to place us on the books of all manufacturers as WHOLESALE JEWELERS. In this way we are given inside figures given only to JOBBERS and Large Mail Order Houses. The Middleman's profit of from 20 per cent to 50 per cent is saved by buying here.



LAVALIER GENUINE BAROQUE PEARLS AMETHYST SOUBRETS GOLD FILLED CUT 1/2 ACTUAL SIZE \$4.00

A GREAT VARIETY IN CORALS JADES, SAPPHIRES, RUBIES AND PEARLS BEAUTIFUL PIERCES



BROOCHES, SOLID GOLD
Fleur de lis \$2.50
Sunburst Pearls \$5.00
Pansy, pearl center \$4.50
Wreath, Pearl \$5.25

BRACELETS—GOLD FILLED
No. 568, engraved \$5.00
No. 584 plain stone set \$4.00
No. 580, engraved \$4.50
No. 668, engraved \$8.00



Genuine Carmen Bracelets, Gold Filled, guaranteed 10 years. Plain \$2.95
Signet Top \$3.50
Locket Top \$4.10
Engraving Free.



JAS. BOSS 25 YEAR

WATCHES
Crescent or Boss 20 Year Gold Filled Case, Elgin, Waltham or W. T. Irvine Movement.

	0 SIZE	12 SIZE	16 SIZE
Ladies' Hunting		Hunting	Open Face
7 Jewel	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$13.50
15 Jewel	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$15.50
17 Jewel	\$23.00	\$19.50	\$18.50

Prices for Engine turned or Plain Polished Cases.
For Hand Engraved Case add \$1.00.
Thin Model Watch, 7 Jewel, 20 Year Gold Filled Case \$12.50



The Lady Elgin, 17 Jewels, Solid Gold Case, \$36
Waltham Jewel, series (very small) Solid Gold Case \$28.00
Diamond set cases, a large variety.



The Smallest Watch Made in America



WALTHAM WATCHES

Some Wonderful Bargains in Watches not to be found in other stores.


Ladies O size U. S. Waltham, 20 year Gold Filled Case worth \$15 \$10.00
Ladies Molly Stark, Full Jeweled Hampden movement; 25 years case, usually sold for \$18.00 \$12.50
Our price \$12.50
Gents' Full Jeweled Hampden movt. 20 years Open Face Case, at \$9.50
15 Jewel movement, 20 year case \$11.50
17 Jewel movt., 20 year case \$14.25
(Hunting Case \$1.75 extra.)
Elgin movt., 20 year Gold Filled Case, 12 or 16 size, at \$10.00
15 Jewel Elgin, same case \$12.50
17 Jewel Elgin, same case \$15.00
Every Watch sold kept in Order for 5 years free of Charge.



JAS. BOSS 25 YEAR




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No. 2452 pol. or satin solid gold \$6.00. Gold filled \$2.00.




No. 2077 — Solid gold, large diamond \$15. Gold filled, Rhinestone, \$2.50.




No. 2748 — Rose gold, at \$1.75. Rhinestone set, at \$2.00.




No. 2769 rose gold Rhinestone set \$2.00. Smaller sizes, \$1.50.




No. 2066 — Rose gold, Rhinestone, red eyes, \$3. \$3.50.




Locket 1769 — Rose gold, stone set, at \$3.50.




No. 1780 — Polished or satin, opals and pearls at \$3.00. Rhinestones, \$3.00.



No. 2527 — Satin finish, pearls & opal, Rhinestones & red stones, at \$2.50.



No. 1791 — rose gold, at \$1.75.



No. 2279 — Rose gold, at \$3.50. Stone set, \$4.00.



W No. 1 10K \$4.00 10K \$5.00 18K \$6.00. W No. 2 10K \$3.00 10K \$4.00 18K \$5.00. W No. 3 10K \$2.00 10K \$3.00 18K \$4.00.



No. 693 Rose Gold \$2.00. No. 651 Rose Gold \$2.00. Sterling Silver \$1.00. No. 385 Ro-Man Gold \$2.50. No. 412, Bri-Gold \$2.50.

SOLID GOLD RINGS
We sell only Solid Gold Ring. Each one is guaranteed against stones coming out. Set rings can be gotten with any of the following stones: Rubies, Emerald, Sapphire, or Garnet, doublets. Kindly state which you would like.
Signet Rings—Monograms are engraved free. Measure finger and state size of ring wanted.
How to Determine the Size
Cut a strip of thick paper so that the ends will exactly meet, when drawn tightly drawn around the second joint of the finger. Lay one end on the diagram at O and order the size the other end indicates.



RING SIZES



No. 6214—Neck Chain, gold filled, 14k, \$3.00; 18k, \$3.50.
No. 6213—Watch Chain, solid gold slide \$6.00
No. 1252 — Neck Chain, gold filled, 14k, at \$1.00; 18k, \$1.25.
No. 1253—Watch Chain, solid gold slide \$4.00
Gold Filled Chains guaranteed 20 years.



No. 101 Bar Pins, Gold Filled Plain or Fancy Rose Gold Finish \$1.25 per pair. Same Stone set, Pearls or Turquoise \$1.25 per pair. Solid Gold Plain, like No. 101 \$1.25 per pair.



No. 102 Bar Pins, Gold Filled Plain or Fancy Rose Gold Finish \$1.25 per pair. Same Stone set, Pearls or Turquoise \$1.25 per pair. Solid Gold Plain, like No. 101 \$1.25 per pair.



Sterling Silver Thimbles.
Plain, heavy weight .20c
Like cut, engraved .35c
Mention size noted.



CIGAR CLIPPER
Sterling Silver. Nothing to break, rust or get out of order. Very thin, to be carried in pocket. Plain, \$1.00. Engraved, \$1.50. Etched, \$1.25. Embossed Elk design, \$1.75.
SOLID GOLD CIGAR CUTTERS
Heavy 14K Gold
Plain \$13.50
Engraved \$16.00



STERLING SILVER TOILET SETS
Sterling Silver Toilet Sets 3 piecesets, Comb, Brush Mirror \$10.00
Three-piece Military Sets \$8.00
Above Sets in Green Moreen Cases.



STERLING SILVER
Tea spoons, set of six \$3.00
Dessert spoons, set of six \$8.00
Table spoons, set of six \$13.00
Match Boxes, very heavy Sterling Silver \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
Souvenir Spoons, Gold Bowls, La Crosse engraved in bowl \$95c
Silver plated bake dishes. Guaranteed 20 years. A practical and useful gift \$4.50
Beautiful Opera Glasses, High Power, Pearl bodies \$5.00
Morocco bodies \$2.50



Fine Alarm Clock
Guaranteed 1 Year 65 Cents



UMBRELLAS.
Pure Silk and silk and Linen, like cuts, reading from right to left.
1. Sterling Silver and Smoked Pearl handle, 26 in. Silk cover, \$6.50.
2. Pearl Handle, Gold Filled Tip and Band, 28 in. Silk cover \$6.50.
3. Sterling Silver Plated and Pearl Handle, Silk and Linen, \$3.50.
4. Bone Handle, Silver mounted, Silk cover, \$5.00.
5. Gold Filled and Gun Metal Handle, Silk cover, \$5.00.

We are doing this not only to show Our City trade the advantages of trading at IRVINE'S, but also to enable the vast amount of out side (MAIL ORDER) trade in the surrounding country to order and make a like saving on the purchase of the Christmas gifts. Any article on this page may be ordered by number, enclose postoffice or Express money order for the amount of goods ordered. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

We desire to give those people who are not able to do their shopping with us personally the same advantages of buying their Christmas gifts from IRVINE'S. Send us your order, it will be given the best of attention.

W. T. IRVINE

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EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY. A picture of IRVINE'S STORE even now would show that the POPULARITY of an already POPULAR STORE IS on the INCREASE. We are doing this only by selling OUR GOODS direct to the PEOPLE at wholesale. Selling the large quantities we do alone makes this possible. Money saved is money earned. Save by buying your Christmas Gifts at IRVINE'S. A saving of from 20 per cent to 50 per cent is gained by doing so.

WISCONSIN NEWS

BIG IMPROVEMENT BY NATIONAL GUARD

SHOOTING STANDINGS RAISED
BY MILITIA.

INCREASE IS FIVE POINTS

Adjutant General Boardman An-
nounces Division and Classifies
Marksmen of Guard.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—Parti-
cularly creditable is the showing
made by the Wisconsin National
guard in the results of the last
year's work on the rifle range, show-
ing marked improvement over its
previous good record and also show-
ing to advantage decidedly in com-
parison with the guardsmen of other
states.

Adj. Gen. Boardman has an-
nounced the final classification of
the Wisconsin National guard in
small arms practice during the sea-
son of 1907 under the United States
regulations for the militia. The sys-
tem of scoring is somewhat intricate,
and is in accordance with "special
course C" provided by the war de-
partment for fixing the qualifica-
tions for the national guard. The
values of the different grades are
fixed as follows:

Fourth class men, comprising
those who have not fired, have a
value of 0.

Third class men, all who have
fired at 200, 300 and 500 yards, and
who have made a total of less than
67, have a figure of merit of 10.

Second class men, all who have
fired two or more scores at 200, 300
and 500 yards, and from the best
two scores have made a total of 67
out of a possible 150, figure of merit
50.

First class men, all who have fired
as above and from the best two
scores have made a total of 83 out of
a possible 150; figure of merit
75.

Marksmen, all who have fired two
full scores as above and from the
best two scores have made a total of
98 out of a possible 150; figure of
merit 100.

Sharpshooters, all who have fired
two or more full scores at 200, 300
and 500 yards and from the best
two scores in each range have made
a total of 120, and have further fired
two or more full scores at 600 yards,
and from the best two scores at that
range have made a total of at least
40, and who have fired two or more
full score time fire at 200 yards
(thirty seconds being the interval of
each score of five shots) and in the
best two scores have made a total of
25, and have made one skirmish run
of twenty shots, advancing from 600
to 200 yards, the total of all the
scores being not less than 235; figure
of merit, 150.

Expert riflemen, all who have
made the necessary total to qualify
as sharpshooter and have fired two
or more full scores at 800 and 1,000
yards and from the best two full
scores have made a total of 40 at
800 yards and 35 at 1,000 yards, the
possible being 50 in each case; figure
of merit 200.

Marking on this scale, the Wiscon-
sin National guard raised its figure
of merit from 77.62 in 1906 to 82.99
in 1907.

The totals in 1906 were: Expert
riflemen, 226; sharpshooters, 174;
marksmen, 1,034; first class men,
521; second class men, 238; third
class men, 644; fourth class men,
128.

In 1907 the totals are: Expert
riflemen, 218; sharpshooters, 218;
marksmen, 1,183; first class men,
519; second class men, 289; third

TWO COMPANIES WILL LEAVE STATE

FOUR WILL WRITE NO MORE
NEW BUSINESS

AGENTS ARE IN DEMAND

New York Life Secures Representa-
tives of Risk Firms Which Plan
to Abandon Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—So far
only two companies have given offi-
cial notice to the insurance depart-
ment at Madison that they will with-
draw from this state on Jan. 1. These
are the Connecticut Mutual and the
Phoenix Mutual. Four other com-
panies have given notice that they
will cease to write new business in
this state after Jan. 1, being the
Home Life, the Penn Mutual, Mutual
Benefit and the Michigan Mutual.
They will remain at least until March
and it is still believed here that very
few companies will in fact withdraw
when the final time comes. The New
York Life, which satisfied the attor-
ney general of its compliance with
the new laws, is securing the names
of all the Wisconsin agents of the
companies that have declared their
intention to withdraw and presuma-
bly will employ many of these agents,
so as to profit by the withdrawal of
the companies that will risk no new
business in the state.

BADGER DIES AT AGE OF 113 YEARS

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—One hun-
dred and thirteen years old.

That was the age of John Busha,
formerly of Wisconsin, who died at a
hospital in Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec.
11. He would have been 114 years
old had he lived till Jan. 12.

Back in the earlier years of the last
century he became a pilot on the
Mississippi river and for a long time
he ran a boat carrying mail and
passengers between St. Louis and
New Orleans.

In 1832 Busha enlisted as a soldier
for the Black Hawk war, and after
the war went to Oak Grove, LaFay-
ette county, Wisconsin, and thence
to Bellevue, Ia. He remained
there for several years, and then
drifted out west, going finally to
the Rocky mountains, where for a
time he was engaged as a mail car-
rier.

"PUG'S" WIFE GONE

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 20.—James
Kelley, claiming to be a Chicago
pugilist, called at the police office
and requested assistance in locating
his bride of one day. Kelley said
he was married in Chicago Wednes-
day afternoon. With his bride he
started for Milwaukee on the Good-
rich boat on a wedding trip. They
did not take a state room. Kelley
went to sleep and when the boat came
into this port his bride was gone. It
was his opinion that she had fallen
overboard, but some one claimed to
have seen her leave the steamer and
walk up town. The woman can not
be located in the city. Kelley did not
give the name of his wife before mar-
riage.

Most any girl is attractive to men
unless she knows enough to be able
to earn her own living.

class men, 480; fourth class men,
124.

The advance in credit is due to
the large number of first, second,
third and fourth class men who ad-
vanced to the grade of marksmen
and sharpshooters.



ESTELLE CHRISTIE.

Estelle Christie, bearing the title of "the most perfect chorus girl,"
is just at present the subject of stormy discussion among foreign royalty.
She is engaged to marry Lord Elliot and intends to marry him next May.
The Earl and Countess of St. Germain, the parents of the royal youth,
are said to be seriously opposed to the match, but Estelle says "I am go-
ing to marry Lord Elliot next May whether his family objects or not.
Both he and I have thoroughly made up our minds on that point." Miss
Christie is at present playing in New York. She has just passed her
twenty-third birthday. She says that Lord Elliot would have married her
last spring in London, if she had been willing, and declares the opposi-
tion of his father and mother will have no effect on the marriage, as
Lord Elliot is financially independent.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

APPLETON—A Salem (Mass.)

National Bank advertisement was
worth \$100 to Elmer E. Dunn of
Appleton. The advertisement asked
for information as to the where-
abouts of Mrs. Mary Dunn, and stated
that a certain sum of money was
on deposit for her at the bank. E.
Dunn is a son of the late Mrs.
Mary Dunn, who died two years ago,
and answered the advertisement.

Mrs. Dunn, upon the occasion of a
visit to Salem relatives upward of
forty years ago, placed a small sum
of money in the bank there and for-
gotten about it. The money has been
earning interest ever since.

APPLETON—William Frazer, who
two weeks ago was sentenced to 30
days in jail for wife beating, walked
away from that institution Wednes-
day afternoon, went to his home and
smashed up a quantity of furniture,
abused his wife, and then walked
back to his cell in the jail. Fraser
during the last few days has been al-
lowed the privileges of a "trusty"
about the jail.

RACINE—Efforts are being made
by the police department to find
John Lederer, who has deserted his
wife and 5 weeks' old child. Leder-
er disappeared and his wife received
a note that he was going to leave
the city for good. Before going he
drew all of the money where he was
employed, and she and the child are
destitute. Both are about 21 years
old, and were married a year ago.

EAU CLAIRE—The state conven-
tion of the American Society of
Equity will be held in this city on
Jan. 14, 15 and 16, 1908. Some in-
teresting features have already been
secured. On the evening of Jan. 14
the Trade and Labor council of Eau
Claire will entertain the delegates at
a smoker.

SUPERIOR—Headquarters of the
Wisconsin grain and warehouse com-
mission will be established in the
Superior board of trade building
within a few days.

MENASHA—Edward Hagedorn,
Benjamin Jennings, Dominik Koz-
lowski and Joseph Colner of Men-
asha, are members of the crews of the

battleships Minnesota, Ohio and
Georgia, respectively, during the pre-
sent cruise of the Atlantic fleet to
the Pacific ocean.

MENASHA—Matt Heup, a former
business man of this city, was killed
by the accidental discharge of a shot-
gun at his home at Curtis, Wis. He
is 48 years of age, and is survived
by a wife and four children.

GREEN BAY—Myrtle Cashman
was awarded \$350 in her suit against
the city for damages by a fall on the
sidewalk.

EAU CLAIRE—The long fight
over the site of the government
building has been closed, a quit claim
deed having been given by O. H.
Ingram and his wife for the lot. The
price was \$8,889.

PLAINFIELD—Felix Solar put his
feet on a hot stove to warm them
and fell asleep. He was awakened
in time to save his feet, but they
were badly burned.

WAUSAU—The buildings in a log-
ging camp near the Pine river were
burned with a loss of about \$500. It
is believed that hunters were respon-
sible for the fire.

SUPERIOR—Eighty-eight acres of
land along the Nemadji river have
been sold to the Catholic diocese of
Superior, which will hold them for
the erection of any buildings that
may become necessary.

BAYFIELD—The indictment
against M. B. Johnson, former gen-
eral manager of the West Coast
Fishing company, who was charged
with having conspired to evade pay-
ment of the duty on fish exported
from the United States, has been dis-
missed.

MENOMONIE—Ulla Benel and
Rosa Kelley, who left their homes
here at about the time that the fath-
er of the former missed \$150, which
he had been saving, have been ar-
rested in La Porte, Ind.

MADISON—Col. George A. Joa-
chin of the First regiment, Wiscon-
sin National Guard, denies a report
that he intends to resign on Jan. 1.

CHESHAM—The workshop of Aug-
ust Pitz was burned, with a loss of
\$1,500.

MARINETTE—Anthracite coal of
good quality has been found on the



REITZEL'S

409-11-13 MAIN STREET

CHRISTMAS HOSIERY

A pair of Hose makes a most acceptable gift for
either Lady or Gentleman.
Anticipating the popularity of Hosiery as a gift,
we made extensive preparation for the Holiday
Trade. Our plain and fancy lines will please you.

Ladies' Boot Lace Embroidered Hose at per
pair 50c, 80c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Boot Lace Lisle Hose at per
pair 50c, 75c, 80c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Embroidered Hose per
pair at 50c, 75c, 80c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Full Lace Hose per pair from 50c to \$1.50
Ladies' Silk Hose in all colors, per pair from \$1.25 to \$4.00
Gents' Fancy Embroidered Hose, per pair from 15c to \$1.00
Gents' Black Lace hose per pair at 50c

Remember we give double coupons in this department with every
purchase in our Holiday Voting Contest and Children's Sled and
Doll Contest.

KARL G. KURTENACKER



property of W. J. Snellfloh.

SPRING LAKE—Five horses were
burned in a fire at the home of Geo.
Cutts. They belonged to guests who
were spending the evening at the
house. Mr. Cutt's barn was burned
some time ago, and he had laid
straw in the basement of the house
and used it as a stable.

MONROE—The jury in the case
against Mr. Peterson, proprietor of
the Family theatre, accused of keep-
ing his place open on Sunday, failed
to reach an agreement.

POUND—A sawmill owned by Isa-
ac Runnoe was burned recently. The

loss was \$7,000, and is not covered
by insurance.

NECEDAH—The newly wedded
wife of Frank E. Hadley is missing,
and all efforts to locate her have
proved fruitless. Her husband
thought that she might have gone
to visit relatives at Tilden, but in-
vestigation showed that she had not
done so.

DIES OF BROKEN HEART.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 20.—George
Jackson, a watchman, 69 years old,
is dead. It is said that his death

was due to a broken heart, grieving
over the death of his wife who passed
away some months ago. After
her demise he lost all interest in
life, sat in his room for hours and
seldom partook of food. He became
so weak that it was necessary to re-
move him to a hospital. He had
been a resident of Racine for thirty
years.

Don't expect to strike any man fa-
vorably if you aim at his pocket book.
When it comes to beer, thirst is
one of the circumstances that alter
cases.

**THE
TIME**



**DRAWS
NEAR**

You have but a few days left in which to purchase your
Christmas Gifts—Ours is a stock of Haberdashery such as
you never have had the pleasure of selecting from before
in La Crosse—Come to see the results of earnest
effort—in providing for you a complete array of Holiday
Gifts.—This type is entirely too cold to describe these
styles and patterns, you must see them.

Hats
Shirts
Fancy Vests
Neckwear
Gloves
Mittens
Pajamas

Cuff Cases
Collar Bags
Handkerchiefs
Umbrellas
Gauntlet Gloves
Mufflers
Suspenders

Every article chosen to please the purchaser and
the recipient.

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HAT AND HABERDASHERY**

526 Main Street

WHEN WE SAY

WE HAVE FRESH DRESSED
Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks and Geese

THAT ARE VERY CHOICE
WE MEAN IT

We have them NOW! Also J. J. Hlen's Sugar Cured
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NEARING CHRISTMAS

The calendar tells the tale—
Christmas approaches with rapid
strides. Are your teeth ready for
the fray? Vanish toothache! is easy
enough to say—we can make its ban-
ishment easy, safe, permanent and at
little cost. Better consult us early
for we like a little Christmas our-
selves.

DR. WATTERSON

THE PAINLESS DENTIST.
115 S. Fourth St., La Crosse, Wis.



Grace Hayward, at the "La Crosse Theatre, Sunday, Dec. 22, in "Con-
fessions of Wife."



MANUAL TRAINING STRIKES CHICAGO

GROUP OF SCHOOLS TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE

LABOR UNIONS WILL ASSIST

Lay Aside Their Prejudices Upon Seeing What Is Done Elsewhere Other Pungent Items.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Industrial education as part of the public school system of the United States has just received new impetus as a result of the decision of the board of education to establish a group of trade schools in this city. This information comes on the heels of the announcement of the International Typographical union, which was in conference here last week, that the union is planning to establish correspondence and technical schools in the large cities and a traveling school of lectures, charts and diagrams to make the rounds of the smaller locals. This will be the first of similar schools to be organized by other unions. In this work of advocating greater facilities for industrial education the unions have found an unexpected ally in the shape of the National Manufacturers' association, the bitter foe of organized labor. Alarmed at the growing competition of Germany, where technical schools are directly supported by the government, the manufacturers and labor leaders have agreed to lay aside their hostility for the moment and unite in the common cause. The Chicago school board has collected statistics of conditions in Germany, showing the striking results of the government's policy in that country. "Trade schools are a thing we have got to come to in America," said the president of the board. "Our factories are handicapped just because we lack such training. I know from my own experience. Manufacturers can hardly get foremen who understand their business. Workmen are put in to make the eightieth part of a shoe. They do that and die in that vocation. But the man who can understand and direct a whole industry is almost impossible to get."

"There has been an absolute decay of what is termed 'packet tonnage' as applied to the longer routes, such as that from St. Louis to New Orleans," declared

Capt. J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, in a letter to a Chicago member. "But," he added, "the short line packet boats are as numerous and as prosperous as at any time for the past quarter of a century. Only the larger long distance boats have disappeared." The reason for the disappearance of the picturesque "river packet" of antebellum days is, of course, the present unreliability of the Ohio, Mississippi and other rivers, a reason which will no longer exist when the prospective improvement of those and other important waterways of the country is accomplished. It is interesting evidence of the future use of river transportation that the "short haul" tonnage of the Ohio, for instance, is equal to the tonnage transported in the halcyon days of the lamented packet boats, thirty years ago. The need for the rivers is already overwhelming and growing greater, but the need seems now more likely to be filled than at any time in the history of the United States.

As a proper place—the proper place—for national conventions of republicans, democrats or of the Amalgamated Sons of the Blue Ribbon, Uncle Sam's

new statistics of crime shed a reassuring glow upon Chicago. Among 17 cities having a population of 200,000 or more Chicago ranks with the seven, having the lowest percentage of arrests for crime, including violations of city ordinances, among which

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be it remembered, are the anti-spitting and auto-speeding ordinances. In the matter of felonies Chicago, contrary to reputation, is shown to be among the cities with the cleanest record, although the payroll disbursements are annually \$137,000,000 and no blue lay are in force, yet. These, however, were not the reasons for the selection of Chicago by the republican national committee; the personal comfort of delegates was the chief consideration, Chicago being central and accessible by railroads from every direction and usually cool during the month of June; whatever the temperature of the trains. The headquarters of the republican national committee in Chicago will soon be running at high voltage and there the headquarters of the presidential candidates will open like sidishows around the "big tent."

Since the thirteenth First Ward ball was "pulled off" an ominous shadow, that suggests an inglorious end of the annual saturnalia, has grown surprisingly.

This big affair of the underworld has been an event of every winter, one worth some \$30,000 to Aldermen Kenna and Coughlin of the First—"Hinky Dink" and "B.-thhouse." The windup of the last one was at 5 a. m., and the maudlin scenes were so conspicuously chaotic that steps to prevent their repetition are under consideration. The chairman of the floor committee at the last ball was the proprietor of a dance hall, and divekeepers were on the committee of arrangements. Jim O'Leary, mingled with painted women, college sports and politicians. R. R. McCormick, president of the drainage board was there with several Illinois legislators, including Representative James Brannon of Syracuse, and Representative John McLaughlin and E. J. Smekkal of Chicago. Aldermen were present in numbers and not as spectators. Some others, prominent in politics, the theatrical profession, or business, spent some time and money there. The refreshments included 100 barrels and 600 cases of beer and 275 cases of wine.

The great snow-storm of January, 1905, which was charged at the time to the account of Medicine Hat, is proving the most remarkable storm on record, and also mighty expensive to the city of Chicago. It will go down in history as

the most protracted snow-storm in any latitude, as the city's "emergency payrolls" bear witness. To clear up the streets then about 1,100 men were set at work with shovels and most of them have, by the records, been shoveling ever since—some of them are still at it. Each month the "emergency" payrolls were approved during ex-Mayor Dunne's regime, and only recently part of the snow-crew was laid off. In the meantime the shovellers pegged away steadily. It appears, whether at the drifts of the dogdays or at labor day snow-banks, and now a new onslaught of winter has come. Again the cry is heard, "A blizzard from Medicine Hat is responsible for this," and the threadbare tradition as veracious as the "emergency payrolls," is tried out again. As a matter of fact Medicine Hat is a lousy town up in Alberta, Canada, where

blizzards are unknown, because of the warm winds from the Pacific, and where the chinook licks up snow like magic; why, even up at Edmonton tennis is played in January. Now that Chicago holds the snow-storm record of 23 months, Medicine Hat and Alberta deserves now to be exonerated from blame for cold weather in "the States."

In the removal from one city to another in the interim between two business days, of all the books, files and papers of a railway system the Wisconsin Central

Central officials accomplished something unique in its way. On Saturday the forces in all the departments were clattering away at their desks in the Milwaukee office; the following Monday the unfinished and new work was taken up again in Chicago. On Sunday a special train had brought the several hundred members of the office forces to this city to get the records and files into place for Monday's business. With the Wisconsin Central added, there are in Chicago terminals of 25 railway systems, whose aggregate length is over 100,000 miles—more than 40 per cent of the total railway mileage of the United States. It is an interesting fact that more sleeping cars leave and arrive in one day at Chicago than in any other city in the world.

A shocking fraud, which probably has been perpetrated in other cities than Chicago on purchasers of Christmas supplies, has just been unearthed by the health department, and now the inspectors here are wondering whether the farmer, in this part of the west, is as "unsophisticated" as the comic papers would make him appear. Incidentally they are touchy on the subject of "pigs"—the savory kind that is served on a platter with an apple in its mouth and cranberries in its eye. A few days ago the inspectors examined the carcasses of twenty-five little pigs that had been shipped to Chicago to meet the demand of Christmas appetites. It proved that every one of the carcasses was diseased and that many of the pigs had probably died of their ailments before the "slaughter" took place. Upon this the investigators did some hurry-up investigating and discovered that a large number of farmers around Chicago have it a practice for some years to select their sick pigs, and just as it appears they are about to die, kill and ship them to Chicago for holiday consumption. Since then the inspectors

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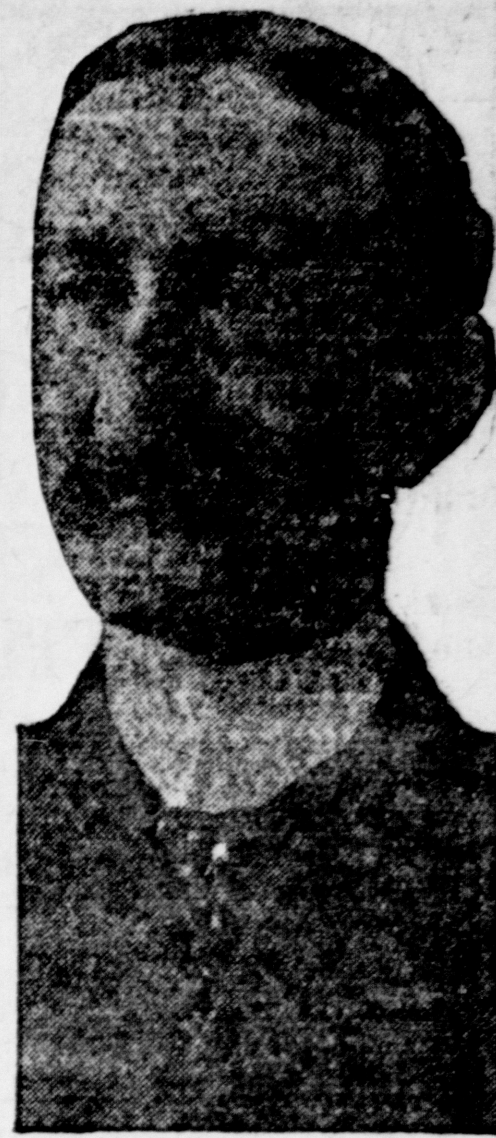
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GEORGE A. HIBBARD.

Boston has elected a republican mayor to succeed the somewhat notorious John F. Fitzgerald. The fight in which Hibbard came out supreme was a spectacular and hard one, but Hibbard, who has previously been Boston's postmaster, won by a safe majority. The election occurred Tuesday, December 10.

TO LET CONTRACT FOR AUDITORIUM

Commissioner H. J. Bequith of the board of public works, said this afternoon that he expected that Shick and Roth who had for some time been working on the plans, for the revision of the second ward school house into an auditorium, would be completed by Saturday at which time the board of public works will advertise for bids on the work.

The plans of the building are especially difficult in view of the fact that every available piece of the old building will have to be used.

The present call for but a skeleton covering of the building and the inner finishing and other work will be done by the city at any time within the next five to fifteen years according to the amount of money which can be appropriated and the value which the building complete, may be to the city.

The officers of the Saengerfest are pleased with the fact that some provision was made for the many thousands of talented visitors who will visit here during the saengerfest.

NORTHWESTERN USES GASOLINE MOTOR

The Chicago & North Western Ry. is using a gasoline Motor Car on its lines West of the Missouri River with what are understood to be very flattering results. The car at present is in operation between Norfolk, Neb., and Bonesteel, S. D., making the trip of 152 miles daily in each direction. The car is said to be popular with the traveling public. It is found to be well adapted to their requirements and it is operated quite economically.

PLANS FOR THE "Y" OPEN HOUSE

A meeting was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. when the committees for the New Year's "open house" were appointed and final details for the program made.

Indoor games will be the principal features of the program, and addresses will be made on the new building. The refreshments will be served by the various guilds of the churches in the city.

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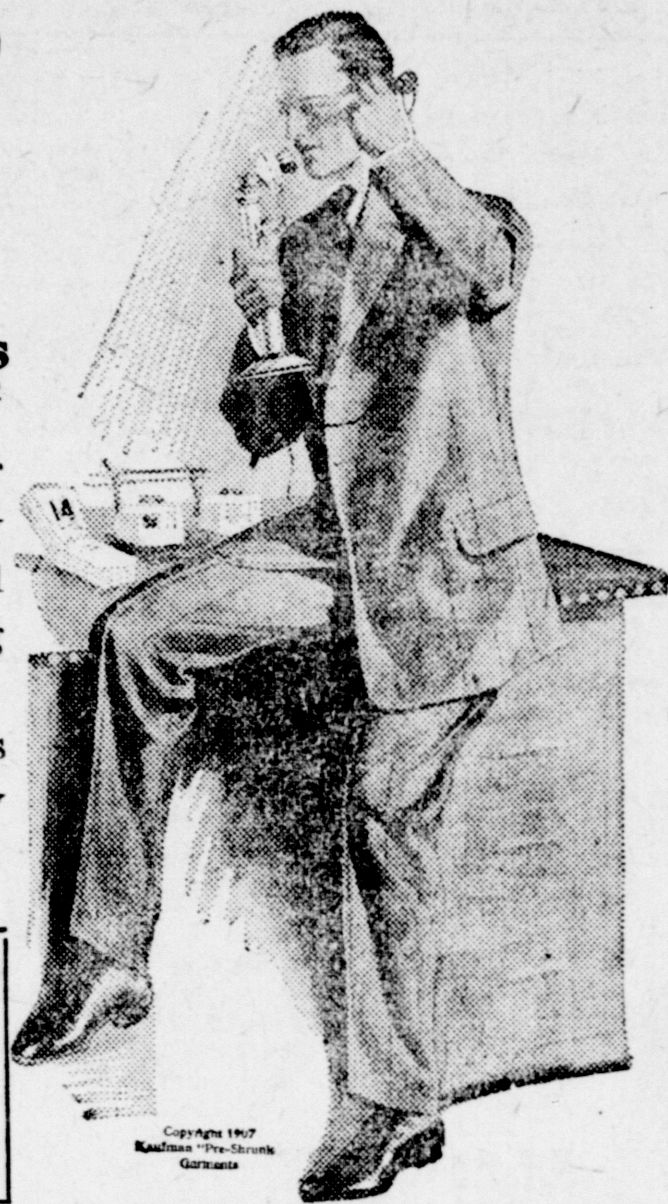
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Mufflers from 25c to \$4.00
Shirts from 50c to \$1.75

Fur Coats from \$12 to \$60
Underwear per suit from . . . 39c to \$5.00
Neckties from 19c to \$1.00
Suspenders from 19c to \$2.50



UNITED STATES. GERMANY. RUSSIA. FRANCE. GREAT BRITAIN.

The treasury department has just completed its final figures on the amount of gold there is in the world and of the world's product of gold and silver during the year 1906.

On December 31, 1906, the world's stock of gold amounted to \$6,888,900,000 of which the United States held \$1,593,800,000, Germany \$1,030,000,000, France \$924,400,000, Russia \$939,400,000 and Great Britain \$486,700,000.

From this it will be seen that this country has vastly more gold stored away than any other nation and more than three times as much as Great Britain. The United States owns approximately one-fourth of all the gold in the world.

During 1906 the production of gold all over the world amounted to \$400,245,300 and the commercial value of the silver produced in that year amounted to \$112,120,500.

LIGHT ALARMS

NEILLSVILLE, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Albert Neis of Christie told the police of Neillsville a peculiar tale of spirits and specters, and is borne out by neighbors. An investigation of the alleged ghost is being made. Mr. Neis was driving home and his horse started to run away, when a brilliant V-shaped light rose up before him and then

disappeared. Lenwood Shaw, while returning from town with his wife, was given a similar scare. Each time the light rose at the approach to the bridge across the Black river. Superstitious persons attach much significance to the fact that Mrs. H. Mills drowned in the Black river at this point last fall.

It sometimes happens that a man doesn't show bad taste in dressing because he can't afford it.

CATCH THIEF AND BEAT HIMSEVERELY

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Benjamin Binks, a farmer, had a young man at work on his place near Franksville, this county.

When he came home to dinner it was discovered that the house had been ransacked, that \$30 in gold was missing, and the farm hand gone. With W. Place, Mr. Binks mounted a horse and tore down the country road after the missing farm hand. Griff Ellis joined in the chase with a horse and buggy. The farm hand was located two miles west of Franksville, charged with the crime, and is said to have turned over \$24 of the stolen money. Binks is said to have then given the man a severe thrashing and ordered him to leave the county. The last seen of the fellow he was hiking up the railway track.

FORM SECRET SOCIETY

GALLESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Awakened to the possibilities of the Latin language by the unique organizations among classical students, students at Gallesville high school have formed a secret society which will meet at the homes of members every three weeks to indulge in the entertaining side of the study. Elsie Uhl is president; Edna Maxwell is vice president, Pearl McKenzie is secretary and Gertrude Halderon is treasurer.

THE THEATER AND STAGE MOTHS.

(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

The theater is an institution of great importance in the world. It serves to amuse, to instruct, to comfort and uplift many thousands, although, like many another good institution, it has its darker side. It would be a sad day if the theater should be removed from our life, but it is no less than the truth that those who make for the enjoyment of others are not always themselves happy. There are many good and true men and women of ability on the stage. The average is as high as in almost any other profession, and its work is the hardest of all. The terrible law of the survival of the fittest drags down hundreds every year, and even the most successful have much with which to contend.

The young girls who become stage stars should remember all this. They ought to know that the glitter disappears the moment they enter the stage door, and that what they get out of the profession may be a poor compensation for the excitement, the work and the worry. Those who want to go on the stage should prepare for it as for any other work in life and enter it without illusions. The man who attempts to play upon the imagination of girls and lure them to ruin by making false promises of a future on the stage is a dastard for whom no punishment is too great.

MINNESOTA AND THE NORTHWEST

CHARGE WIFE WITH OLD MAN'S DEATH

DELANO WOMAN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

PROBE WILL BE CONTINUED

Coroner's Jury is at Work—Autopsy Is Performed and Leads to Discovery of Drug

DELANO, Minn., Dec. 20.—Theresa Kasheimer, seventy years old, has been arrested on suspicion of having poisoned her husband, Fritz Kasheimer, who died two weeks ago at the age of eighty-seven. The coroner's jury has not finished investigating the man's death, but the arrest was made on motion of the county attorney.

Mr. Kasheimer was taken with severe pains while doing his morning's work shortly after eating breakfast, and died soon after returning to the house. No physician was called until the man had died, and the doctor, after making an examination, reported the case to the coroner.

A jury was impaneled and the taking of evidence was begun, but before this was completed the jury adjourned and an autopsy was performed. The man's stomach was sent to the state chemist for examination. He reported that he had found traces of poison.

In the meantime evidence had been found tending to show that Mrs. Kasheimer, accompanied by one of her daughters, had purchased strychnine at a store in Watertown a few days before her husband's death, and the county attorney ordered her arrest. The coroner's jury will be summoned again and will continue the taking of evidence.

The couple had several grown sons and daughters, some of whom live at their parents' home. No further arrests have been foretold.

Another Poison Mystery.

MILLER, S. D., Dec. 20.—Who put in the oatmeal sack the poison that caused the death of Mrs. Kammel, who resided northeast of here, and brought terrible suffering to her son, though the latter escaped death? This will be a question that the coroner's inquest which will be held here today will seek to answer.

SEEK MISER'S HOARD

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A diligent search is going on at the late home of Martin Craven, the hermit of the town of Sigel, who was found dead early this week. Despite unsuccessful attempts to locate the supposedly hidden fortune, the belief is strengthened by the fact that but \$30 was found when the body of the aged hermit was discovered. He was known to be wealthy, owning considerable land some of which he had sold for a good price.

Some men seek temptation in order to test their strength.

There is no doubt that poultry is a paying crop on the farm.

FLOURISHES GUN; BAD MAN FLOORED

THEN ARRESTED AND MUST ANSWER FOR ACTIONS.

WOULD CLEAN OUT BUNCH

Intended Victim Grabs Revolver and Subdues Bully—Desperado Injured; Taken to Hospital

RED WING, Minn., Dec. 20.—Coolly complimenting the courage of the drunken man who was confronting him with a 32-caliber revolver and threatening to shoot him Foreman Gustave Doerr of the S. B. Foote & Co.'s tannery, watched his chance, grappled with his assailant and with the help of his son overcame the man and turned him over to the sheriff. The would-be bad man was so seriously injured during the struggle that he had to go to the hospital, but he was arraigned and the case continued.

Edward Reinhold, a discharged employe entered the plant about 5 o'clock vowing vengeance on the entire force, and particularly Foreman Doerr. He had been drinking and was armed with a revolver. He found Doerr sitting in the office. Reinhold threw a dollar on the desk and asked for some change, and when Doerr looked up after counting it out he found himself looking into the muzzle of Reinhold's weapon.

He asked what was wanted and Reinhold exclaimed, "I'm game, and I'm here to clean out the whole bunch."

"With that gun you can do it all right," Doerr replied, and turned Reinhold's attention toward the room where the men were working.

Reinhold put the revolver in his overcoat pocket, but kept his hand on it as he started for the workroom. As he got to the door Mr. Doerr seized him, pinioning his arms. A struggle followed, but Doerr's son William ran up and planted his fist squarely on Reinhold's jaw. The man fell against a revolving stuffing machine and got his face badly lacerated, and when the sheriff arrived it was found necessary to take the prisoner to the hospital. He was arraigned on a charge of assault in the first degree and pleaded not guilty.

GIRL IS KILLED BY SPEEDING ICEBOAT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 20.—Margaret Higgins, the 11-year-old daughter of A. M. Higgins, was fatally injured last night at Lake Calhoun, where she was struck by an ice boat, sustaining a fracture of the skull at the base. She died about 20 minutes after the accident occurred.

Miss Higgins had just stepped from an ice boat in which she had been riding with Harold Fall, an 11-year-old boy. Another ice boat was veering toward her, and in a spirit of daring, it is said, she leaped in front of the craft toward the shore, only a few feet away. But the wind was carrying the ice boat faster than she

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knew, and she was thrown violently many feet across the ice, the mast of the boat striking her at the base of the skull.

NORTHWEST IN BRIEF

DES MOINES, Ia.—Lillie McClellan and Margaret Grey, two cash girls, surrounded by a dozen clerks as spectators and abettors, fought a vicious battle in the upstairs stock room of a local department store. The battle lasted 20 minutes and Lillie, much smaller of the two, completely knocked out the other. The spectators bet on the outcome and considerable money changed hands. The affair created a sensation and efforts were made to suppress the publication of the story.

OTTUMWA, Ia.—Mileo Morrow, who killed Benjamin Farrell last spring, was acquitted on his second trial a month ago on a plea of self defense, today cut and fatally wounded Mary Judson, a leading witness for the prosecution in Morrow's last trial.

CALMAR, Ia.—Charles Gustafson, about 45 years of age, and for about 20 years employed at the railway roundhouse here, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. Nothing was known of his death until his wife went to arouse him for breakfast. Mr. Gustafson, although he seldom complained, was known to be a sufferer from heart trouble, and this is attributed to be the cause of his death.

SUMNER, Ia.—Henry Schultz, who lives four miles southeast of town, was a victim of a runaway Tuesday, and crushed his fingers and had his ankle badly bruised. It is feared that he is injured internally.

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn.—Mrs. Almee Fontak, who was indicted on charges of bigamy, was on trial today. She produced a witness who swore to the fact that Fontak, her first husband, was married at the time of her marriage to him. Thereupon the defendant was discharged and the case dismissed.

DULUTH, Minn.—A catastrophe was escaped when the tug Tow Doodling of Duluth sank in the slip at Washburn, Wis., just as she was starting on her return trip to Duluth. Had it happened half an hour later she would have been out on the waters of Lake Superior and probably every man of the crew would have been drowned. The crew got away before the tug sank but lost all of their personal belongings.

Heaven must be a place where everybody is good natured at the breakfast table.

No man is so great that he can afford to oppress even the least man.

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\$1.75 grade, brown and black, now . . . \$1.49
\$1.50 grade, brown and black, now . . . \$1.29

Dozens of others.

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Dec.	99 1/4	100	99 1/4	99 1/4	
July	1.04 1/4	1.07 1/4	1.04 1/4	1.06 1/4	
CORN.					
July	56 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	
July	56 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	
May	57 1/4	58 1/4	57 1/4	58 1/4	
OATS.					
July	48	48 1/4	48	48 1/4	
May	54	54 1/4	54	54 1/4	
PORK.					
May	13.05	13.17	13.02	13.15	
July	12.57	12.60	12.52	12.60	
LARD.					
May	7.80	7.85	7.70	7.70	
July	7.70	7.75	7.67	7.67	
Minneapolis Delivery.					
July	1.12 1/4	1.13 1/4	1.12 1/4	1.12 1/4	
May	1.10 1/4	1.12 1/4	1.10 1/4	1.12 1/4	

GOSSIP OF THE PIT

Liverpool opening—Wheat 1/4 d lower; corn, 1/4 d lower.

Carlots—Wheat, 22-1, corn 330-12, oats, 208-10.

Chicago hogs—35,000; cattle, 2,500; sheep, 8,000. Omaha—hogs, 6,500; cattle, 1,800; sheep, 1,300. Kansas City—hogs, 13,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 2,000.

Hogs—Estimated receipts of hogs, 35,000; left over, 14,425; prospects, 5c lower than yesterday's average. Cattle, 2,500; steady; sheep, 8,000.

Grain Options. Chicago—Pringle, Fitch and Rankin say: There is general consensus of opinion in the spring wheat country that after the turn of the year that will be the center of interest for the breadeaters of the country.

Bartlett Frazier Co. say: The fact that the market does not maintain a continuous advance need discourage no one. It is a natural market and as the position unfolds will respond to developments from day to day.

Market Outlook.

Chicago—While wheat news is suggestive of higher markets a fairly large run of corn is reported this morning and for the present we look for a declining market. Sentiment among big professional traders is very favorable to a higher market on wheat and that a bull campaign is being planned on our domestic situation.

New York—At opening market firm. Commission house orders light but there was a fair amount of trading by floor professionals and clique representatives. N. Y. C. did not respond to a rather favorable report that dividend action expected today.

London—American stocks in London steady, rather above parity. Morgan syndicate exercises option to take further 5,000,000 dollars N. Y. C. 3 year issue. Lighter demand for stocks in loan crowd. Mining market in London weak. Ill. Central meeting postponed until March 29. Some possibility of M. O. P. dividend action today. Fifteen roads for second week Dec. show average gross inc. of .72 per cent; twelve indus-

HOG PRICES DROP FIFTY CENTS TODAY

LARGE QUANTITIES ARE BEING BROUGHT TO CITY

FARMERS HAVE OVER SUPPLY

And as a Result the Prices are Not What They Might Be—Other Prices Are Steady

Local market prices are nearly stationary.

Dressed hogs continue to be brought to the city in large quantities by the farmers from the vicinity, and the overstock has caused a slight slump in the price. They are now selling at \$4 and \$4.50 per hundred.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1907.

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)

Creamery, per pound . . . 31¢ @ 32¢

Dairy, per pound . . . 25¢ @ 30¢

Eggs, per dozen . . . 20¢ @ 23¢

Eggs, on track, case . . . \$6.00

Flour.

(Prices by A. Grams & Sons.)

Patent, per barrel . . . \$5.80

Straight, per barrel . . . \$5.60

Mill Feed.

Shorts, per ton . . . \$22.00

Bran, per ton . . . \$21.00

White middlings, per ton . . . \$24.00

Red dog, per ton . . . \$26.00

Grain.

(Quoted by W. W. Cargill Co.)

Winter wheat . . . \$80 @ 85¢

Spring wheat . . . 90¢

Barley . . . 65¢ @ 70¢

Oats . . . 40¢ @ 45¢

Rye . . . 60¢ @ 65¢

New corn . . . 40¢ @ 45¢

Old corn . . . 60¢ @ 65¢

Livestock.

(By Langdon-Boyd Packing Co.)

Hogs . . . \$3.75 @ \$4.25

Steers . . . \$3.50 @ \$4.50

Heifers . . . \$2.00 @ \$3.00

Cows . . . \$1.50 @ \$2.75

Sheep . . . \$3.00 @ \$4.00

Lambs . . . \$4.00 @ \$5.50

Provisions.

Lard, per pound . . . 10 1/2¢ @ 10 3/4¢

Hams . . . 12 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢

Shoulders . . . 10¢

Bacon . . . 12 1/2¢ @ 15 1/4¢

Dry beef . . . 15 1/2¢ @ 17 1/2¢

Vegetables.

(Quoted by A. B. Moll.)

Vegetable oysters, bunch . . . 5¢

Bonito, bunch . . . 15¢

Blue Point Oysters, ct . . . 45¢

Eggs, strictly fresh, dozen . . . 25¢

Creamery, per pound . . . 33¢

Dairy, per pound . . . 30¢ @ 32¢

Parsley, bunch . . . 5¢

New cabbage, each . . . 5¢

Sweet potatoes, lb . . . 5¢

Potatoes, per bushel . . . 70¢

Carrots, peck . . . 15¢

Cranberries, qt . . . 12 1/2¢

Wax beans, lb . . . 15¢

Celery, dozen . . . 20¢

Cucumbers, each . . . 10¢

Lettuce, 2 bunches for . . . 15¢

Rutabagoes, pk . . . 15¢

Hubbard squash . . . 10¢ @ 15¢

Caiflower, each . . . 10¢ @ 15¢

Green peppers, dozen . . . 30¢

Turnips, peck . . . 15¢

Grape fruit, each . . . 12 1/2¢

Fresh tomatoes, lb . . . 15¢

Egg plant, each . . . 12 1/2¢ @ 20¢

Fresh mushrooms, lb . . . 75¢

Fruit.

Tokay grapes . . . 12 1/2¢ @ 15¢

Apples, cooking, peck . . . 50¢

Apples, eating, peck . . . 50¢

Oranges, dozen . . . 25¢ @ 30¢

Lemons, dozen . . . 25¢ @ 30¢

Bananas, dozen . . . 20¢ @ 25¢

Pound sweets, pk . . . 75¢

Malaga grapes, lb . . . 20¢

Fish.

(Quoted by H. M. Sieger.)

Pickered . . . 8¢

Pike, pound . . . 15¢

White . . . 15¢

Trout, pound . . . 15¢

Salmon . . . 15¢

Herring . . . 15¢

Halibut . . . 40¢

Perch . . . 15¢

Poultry.

Old chickens . . . 10¢

Young chickens . . . 12 1/2¢

Turkeys pound . . . 18¢

Ducks . . . 13¢

Geese . . . 12 1/2¢

Cheese.

(Quoted by Henry Andregg.)

Full cream brick, pound . . . 14 1/2¢ @ 15¢

Full cream Twin, pound . . . 16¢ @ 16 1/2¢

Full cream Limburger, lb . . . 14 1/2¢ @ 15¢

Full cream Young America . . . 15¢

Full cream Swiss . . . 15¢

German hand, per box . . . 90¢

Primost . . . 9¢ @ 12¢

Hay and Wood.

Hay, wild, per ton . . . \$9 @ \$10

Hay, tame, per ton . . . \$14 @ \$15

Straw, ton . . . \$6.00

Bottom wood, cord . . . \$5.00

Second growth oak . . . \$8.00

Old oak . . . \$5.50

Pine wood . . . \$5.50

Dry wood, cord . . . \$6.00

trials advanced 0.37; twenty active roads advanced 0.16.

Argentine—Wheat crop in western district of province of Buenos Ayres has been damaged to the extent of 25 per cent by recent rain. Harvesting has not yet commenced in this section. In the district of Entrerios slight damage is reported (this district raised about three million bushels of wheat). In the south weather is unsettled and prospects are becoming less favorable.

Argentine visible—Wheat this week, 256,000 bu; last week, 328,000; last year, 735,000. Corn, 748,000; last week, 748,000; last year, 2,189,000.

It's when a convict breaks jail he may be said to make himself entirely too free

DRESSED HOGS YESTERDAY SOLD FOR LESS THAN ALIVE

LOSS RUNS TO \$1.25 CUT

Lack of Demand Hurts Market and Law Forbids Packers Buying Dressed Meat

Farmers yesterday met with disaster in La Crosse when they brought in an aggregate of 25 loads of dressed pork and found no market for it here. A number of them sold their hogs dressed for 15 to 25 cents less than Langdon & Boyd are paying for live hogs, and figuring the shrinkage in dressing, which is about 30 per cent, they lost all the way from 50 to 125 cents per hundredweight.

Langdon & Boyd were paying \$4.15 to \$4.25 for live hogs. Some of the farmers sold their dressed meat for as low as \$4.00. The packers would gladly have come to the rescue, as some of the farmers had been their patrons, but under the new pure food law they are prohibited from buying dressed meats, every animal under that statute having to come to the plant alive for inspection before killing.

It is beginning to be understood that there is not a market in La Crosse for dressed pork. With a local packing plant here on the ground people keep supplied so closely that there is no demand from individual sellers in the open market. Furthermore, there is a strong sentiment among the people here, as well as among city officials, against the purchase and sale of dressed meats in the market, owing to the fact that these meats are not inspected, while there can be had inspected meats having the guarantee of the government as to their wholesomeness by going to the established plant of Langdon & Boyd, where a government inspector supervises the selection of all meat placed on the market.

On the other hand, the market on live hogs here was active and prices were the top for all markets in the United States.

PRETTY WEDDING AT VIROQUA, WIS.

VIROQUA, Wis., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A pretty nuptial wedding occurred in the presence of relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chase, when their only daughter, Mabel Frances, was united in holy matrimony to Osten Cyrus Collier of Enderlin, N. D. They were attended by the brides brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Chase of La Farge. Rev. C. E. Butters performed the ceremony. The bride is one of Viroqua's most popular young ladies, having graduated from the city high school, after which she took a course in music at Milwaukee. The groom is an estimable young man and has a position as engineer on the Sioux line in Dakota. The young couple started on a short trip and will return to Viroqua for the holidays, after which they will make their home in the west.

Mr. Roy Primmer, who is employed by the Tackaberry Wholesale Grocery company, at Sioux City, Ia., is here to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Primmer.

Charles H. Good and Mildred Kelch of Liberty, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage Tuesday afternoon by Rev. C. E. Butters.

Henry C. Larson was a business caller from Genoa today.

Mrs. Maggie Thompson of Viroqua spent Wednesday with Viroqua friends.

Mrs. Hoyt of Black Hills, S. D., is the guest of her nephew, W. E. Nelson and family.

Miss Larson of Cashton was the guest of Hans Larson and family today.

Vanity.

"Hawkins," said Tete de Veau, "is certainly fond of seeing his name in print."

L'Oignon looked up from his news paper. "Yes?" he murmured.

"Yes," said the other. "He spends hours over his page of the directory."

Theatrical Mary.

Mistress Mary.

She was a Fairy.

Danced in the very front row,

I hate to speak.

But on ten per week,

How did her diamonds grow?

—Town Topics.

By a strenuous use of his fist the prize fighters manages to get his hand in.

Only after a man has done something worth while can he afford to while away his time.

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PASSAGE WOULD KILL CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

PROHIBITS DEALS IN FUTURE

Measure Introduced in Washington Which Will Put End to Gambling in Life's Necessities

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Under the terms of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Scott of Kansas, all gambling in futures on grain, cotton and other products will be entirely wiped out.

Mr. Scott's bill forbids absolutely all dealing or trading in futures in products of this sort, and fixes heavy penalties on conviction for violation of the terms of the bill. The bill will not interfere with the legitimate trading in grain or cotton for immediate use or delivery.

So drastic are its provisions, however, concerning speculation as to future prices, that its enactment by congress would undoubtedly wipe out the Chicago board of trade, the New York cotton and the New York produce exchanges in all of the leading cities of the country.

Many bills have been introduced in the past tending to check speculation in futures in the necessities of life, but the Scott bill goes further than any of its predecessors.

Determined opposition to the measure is expected as soon as it comes up for further consideration, as the interests supported by this class of business are sure to make a determined fight to kill the bill.

Investigate Steel Trust.

Representative Garritt of Tennessee today offered a resolution calling upon the secretary of commerce and labor to report to the house all the facts within his knowledge in regard to the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation in November, 1907; also, whether there are now in the United States any companies engaged in the same business as is the United States Steel corporation that are not controlled by it, and if so, their location and capitalization.

OFFICIALS REMEMBER RETIRED JANITOR

As a mark of the esteem in which he was held by all the county officials and many others who transacted business in the county building, a writing desk was presented to James E. Butties, 1330 Pine street, janitor at the county building for twenty-five years, today, at his home. The desk was a present from county officials.

On Oct. 31, Mr. Butties retired from the service of the county after a quarter of a century of employment. Shortly after that he was stricken with paralysis. The county officials planned to give him the writing desk immediately upon his retirement, but illness prevented. Later Charles Berry, humane agent, a leader in the movement to remember "Jim," was taken ill, and this caused another postponement. Today the presentation was made at the Butties home.

Attached to the writing desk was a resolution as follows:

"We, the undersigned county officers and friends, take pleasure in presenting to you this writing desk and bookcase as a slight token of our appreciation of your long and faithful service, and uniform courtesy, and accommodating conduct, as a head janitor of the county court house. And on this day of your retirement, we extend to you our best wishes and assurance of our continued esteem.

The resolution is signed by all the county officers and several others.

ESCH FARES WELL IN APPOINTMENTS

Wisconsin delegates to congress fared well in committee appointments at the hands of Speaker Cannon.

Representative John J. Esch was reappointed on the interstate and foreign commerce committee, where he has done good work during the last two sessions, and also appointed on the committee on expenditures for public buildings.

Following are the committee appointments of Badger congressmen:

Cary—District of Columbia and ventilation and acoustics.

Cooper—Chairman of insular affairs.

Davidson—Chairman of railways and canals and member of rivers and harbors.

Esch—Interstate and foreign coins and expenditures on public buildings.

Jenkins—Chairman of judiciary.

Kustermann—Alcoholic liquor traffic and immigration and naturalization.

Morse—Indian affairs and war claims.

Murphy—District of Columbia and levee and improvement of the Mississippi river.

Nelson—Elections, Pacific railroads and industrial arts and exhibitions.

Stafford—Postoffices and post roads and expenditures in the post-office department.

BRAINS SUBJECT OF LOTS OF TROUBLE

PHILADELPHIA EXPERIENCES
NEW KIND OF BRAIN STORM

BOTTLED FOR SCIENCE SAKE

Walt Whitman's Lost and Mrs.
Heines Wants Those of Husband
Returned—Suit Probable

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—A suit by Mrs. Dennis Heines to recover from the Phipps Institute the brain of her husband, preserved there with 100 others for the sake of scientific study, will be opposed by Dr. L. F. Flick, chief of the medical staff of the institute. She is not satisfied with the manner of her husband's death, which occurred suddenly in the institute.

Whitman's Brain Missing.

Brains form the subject of a quite similar case which almost simultaneously has agitated scientific and literary circles in this city. Edward Anthony Spitzka, one of America's foremost brain specialists, has caused a flurry by announcing that the famous Walt Whitman brain, which for 15 years has peacefully reposed in the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology of the University of Pennsylvania, had been destroyed. In consequence of this destroying of Walt Whitman's brain, accident though it was, a war is on between the American Anthropometrical society, which owned the brain, and the officers of the Wistar Institute, in whose custody it was placed over a decade ago.

Other Great Intellectuals Gone.


To make matters worse and widen the breach between the two organizations the announcement is made by Dr. Milton J. Greenman, Ph. B., director of the Wistar Institute, that the brains of several other eminent Americans, which had been entrusted to his care, are fast deteriorating.

The Anthropometrical society says the destruction of Whitman's brain was due to carelessness on the part of Wistar Institute and that the deterioration of the brains of Dr. William Pepper, Dr. Harrison Allen and Dr. Andrew J. Parker can be traced to faulty care of them.

The Wistar Institute on the other hand declares the greatest care has been used in looking after the valuable specimens, that the destruction of Whitman's brains was purely an accident, and that the condition of the three other brains now in the institute is due to faulty preservative methods employed when the organs were removed from the bodies and before they were placed in the Wistar Institute.

It's a Great Loss.

But whatever the difference between these two institutions scientists everywhere agree that the loss occasioned by the destruction of Whitman's brain is irreparable. There has only been one Walt Whitman and there will never be another. To the world generally his works and posthumous papers and letters, together with the writings of the men who know him most intimately in life reveal to all that it is possible to learn of the man. Horace Traubel and Thomas B. Harnard, the literary and legal executors re-



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DR. EDWARD A. SPITZKA.

spectively of the poet, while regretting the loss of their disciple's brain, feel more keenly the fact that neither the officers of the Anthropometrical society nor the Wistar Institute have as much as written them expressing their regret at the loss.

But to the anthropological scholars who valued Whitman's brain solely from a standpoint of scientific research and investigation, the loss is the keenest.

Loss is a Mystery.

Just when Whitman's brain was lost is not known. Dr. Spitzka made the discovery recently when he went to the Wistar Institute to examine it in connection with his investigation conducted in behalf of the American Philosophical society.

Whitman's death occurred at his home in Camden, N. J., on March 26, 1892, and although some time before his death he had consented to his brain being given to the Anthropometrical society, his brother, Geo. Whitman, refused at first to allow even an autopsy performed on the body. And although he was finally

prevailed upon to permit this he never knew that the brain of his brother was removed. It was secretly carried away from the little frame house where the poet had lived and died and taken to Philadelphia, where it was placed in a jar and prepared in a manner that was calculated to preserve it until the scientists, to whom Whitman had given it, should find occasion to use it.

The Issue is Reached

And now the time has come, the brain is asked for by Dr. Spitzka, and the Wistar Institute answers

Why allow anyone to use the much abused word quality for high price making? We buy direct from Headquarters and save the middleman's profit. Buy from us and save the 33 1-3 per cent additional profit charged by others. Irvine, Sells at Wholesale to the People.

that the brain is no more. Not even the broken pieces of glass from the jar that held the valuable organ remain, and a loud wail goes up from scientists the country over.

What effect the destruction of Whitman's brain after all the years it had been preserved will have in deterring other men from willing their brains to such institutions, cannot be foretold. Dr. Spitzka and other members of the American Anthropometrical society are certain that the loss of Whitman's brain cannot but help to act as a barrier in their line of investigation and research. It is more than likely that the brains now in the keeping of the Wistar Institute will be withdrawn and no more placed in its care.

MAKE BIG PROFIT ON FIRE DAMAGE

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 20.—One man will make a fortune out of the great mill and elevator fire here over a month ago. This is Charles R. Lull of Milwaukee, who, it is claimed, will make somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 on an actual investment of but \$22,000. When the Great Northern elevator was seen to be in ruins with about

400,000 bushels of grain lying on the ground, the insurance experts called for bids on it. Mr. Lull made a bid of \$22,000. This was accepted and since that time he has had a large force of men at work getting the grain out. Men who have kept in close touch with the shipment of grain state that the profits will easily be \$200,000. It has been sold at prices ranging from \$10 a ton up. The insurance men are wondering as to how they lost out so heavily on the proposition now.

It is the wise poultryman who breeds from his best winter layers.

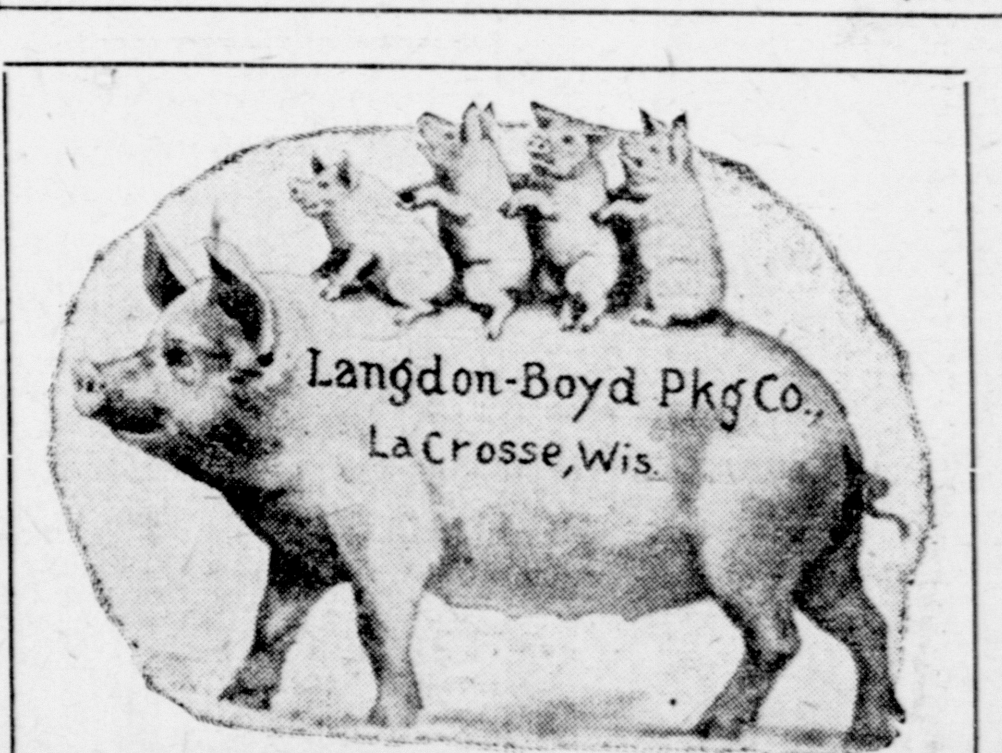
A \$4.00 Cigar Jar—\$2.50. Swell crystal jars, Silver Tops, beautiful floral designs, 37 out of 100 left. Irvine's. The busiest store of its kind in La Crosse.

In the Swim.
We've been to see John Drew And other fine theaters. The Hippodrome and Hammerstein. And now we tip the waiters. Indeed, we've moved into A neighborhood of rank— We've done it all since father drew The money from the bank.

Before the panic came A photograph was ours. And to the park we'd go To while the Sunday hours. But now the uplift is For us—I must be frank; We've done it all since father drew The money from the bank.

Oh, father has a hat That's high and shiny, black, And mother wears a toque That's balanced on her back. Our noses pierce the air. We stare at folks quite blank; We're bloods, we are, since father drew The money from the bank.

We never rush the can (We buy it now in cases). And as for beef and beans! They make us hide our faces. For lobster is our dish. With cheese that's very rank— Since dear old father drew The money from the bank.



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